

# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents & Students,

### Prayer

Gentle Mary, we pray  
for hearts of courage that we may accept the will of God.  
Attentive Mary, we pray  
for hearts of wisdom that we may hear the word of God  
and respond to it in our lives.  
Compassionate Mary, we pray  
for hearts of love that we may act in a spirit of charity and service.  
Mother Mary, we pray  
for hearts of discipleship that we may be led to live in God's ways.

### Reflection

*Mary is above all the example of that worship  
that consists in making one's life an offering to God.  
(Paul VI, Marialis Cultis, 21)*

## PRINCIPAL MATTERS

### Project Compassion

The annual Project Compassion Appeal raised \$6400.00 for Caritas. Thank you to all who contributed to the appeal.

### Enrolments

Round 1 enrolment interviews are currently being conducted for students seeking entry into Year 7 2015. Interviews for this round will conclude at the end of Week 6. Round 2 applications close on Wednesday 25 June, with interviews being held in Term 3.

### Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to the Year 8 Maths Team for winning the Year 8 Regional Mathematics Day competition at the University of New England last week. Details are available later in this newsletter.

### Critical Incident

Thank you very much for the support provided to staff and students following the recent critical incident. Mrs Thompson continues to recover and we all look forward to her return to fulltime teaching.

### Staff News

Congratulations to the following staff members:

Mr Andrew Davy is travelling to Holland next week to compete for Australia in Hockey in the World Masters Games.

Miss Leanne Sjollemma has announced her engagement.

Mr Sam Taylor and Joanne have become parents of a daughter, Ila.

### Inclosed Lands

Schools are specifically defined as "inclosed lands" under the *Inclosed Lands Protection Act*. The Act addresses a number of offences relevant to schools such as:

- entry without lawful excuse
- remaining on inclosed lands after a request to leave
- behaving in an offensive manner after a request to leave
- giving a false name and address

The *Inclosed Lands Act* prohibits unlawful entry onto school grounds. Therefore, all parents must enter through the front office and sign in if they are expecting to be on the grounds. No visiting parent should walk through the school at any time without having a staff member present and without permission from office staff.

*Mrs Kate Rayment – Principal*

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### Cyber Concern

Recently there have been a number of reports related to sexting - the use of a phone or similar to send nude/sexy images. Sexting is a crime when it involves people under 18 and can be classed as 'child pornography' or an 'indecent act'. It's also a crime when it involves harassing people of any age, which includes taking an image, asking for someone to send an image, receiving or keeping an image or sending an image. I urge all parents to discuss this with their children and to be vigilant. Education sessions related to the implications of sexting are currently being organised for Years 9 and 10.

*Mrs Sally Sparke – Assistant Principal*

<b>Diary Dates</b>	
22 May:	CCC Hockey - Lithgow
22 May:	Vocal Ensemble to Gunnedah Eisteddfod
26 May:	Year 7/11 Half-Yearly Exams commence
26 May:	Round 1 Enrolment Interviews
27 May:	U16 AFL Swans Cup
30 May:	Diocesan Cross Country, Tennis, Golf
30 May:	Coonabarabran Horse Expo
30 May:	St Nicholas' Deb Ball
2 June:	Enrolment Interviews continue
2 June:	Years 8, 9 & 10 Exams
2 June:	UNE Study Day
2 June:	Vocal Ensemble to Tamworth Eisteddfod
4 June:	ICAS Science Competition
4 June:	Year 7 Excursion to Morisset
16 June:	ICAS Writing Competition
16 June:	All Year 7 & Year 9 boys Vaccinations
17 June:	ICAS Spelling Competition
17 June:	Reconciliation
18 June:	School photos commence
18 June:	Peel Schools Carnival
23 June:	NAIDOC Week

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In Religious Education classes this term, all students from Years 7 – 10 will be trialling a new style of marking guidelines for their assessment tasks. We are hoping that by making the criteria for achieving higher bands more explicit the students will be able to focus and direct their studies and assessment preparation more advantageously. The various topics being studied and assessed this term in RE include Old Testament Overview (Year 7), Living the Christian Life (Year 8), Key Church Teachings (Year 9) and the Eucharist (Year 10).

The St Agnes Conference of St Vincent de Paul has devoted the two meetings this term to brainstorming for creative ways we might raise funds for the Winter Appeal, which is our major focus for Terms 2 and 3. The St Agnes student executive is also looking at ways to increase awareness of poverty in Australia as well as ways to increase membership of the McCarthy conference.

*Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinator*

## PASTORAL CARE

### Welcome

We would like to welcome Erica Pagdilao (Year 9) and her family to the McCarthy community.

### Condolences

Our prayers and sympathy go to Claire Wilson, Maggie Irwin, Emily Grant, James and Jeffrey Wong and their families following the deaths of their grandmothers.

### Theme for the Week

Courtesy, which is part of our Code of Conduct, was the topic for Week 2. Students often forget to display basic courtesies in their everyday interactions. At school and at home we need to remind them of, and model, courteous behaviours such as saying please and thank you, greeting people properly, providing a clear way or seat for an older person or person in authority. These behaviours are an expectation in society.

During Week 3 students were encouraged to make the most of *Opportunities* offered to them. Many of these occur at school. If we don't see the opportunities we would like we should search for them. When we are having difficulties we should see this as an opportunity for positive changes.

*'If a man is gracious and courteous to strangers it shows he is a citizen of the world'* (Francis Bacon, philosopher and writer)

*Mrs Julie McGregor – Pastoral Care Coordinator*

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Association Meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday 17 June, 7.00pm for 7.15pm start in the Staff Room.

### Social Evening

Our social evening for this term is Tenpin Bowling on Friday 13 June 6.30pm for 7.00pm start at Tamworth Tenpin Bowling, 30 Anne Street, Tamworth. Cost is \$20.00 per person and includes 2 games and pizza. BYO beer and wine. Soft drinks available for purchase. RSVP and payment due to the office by Wednesday 11 June. Please note this is an over 18s only night.



## TEACHING AND LEARNING

This is an incredibly busy term.

We began with Year 12 reports and the Parent/Teacher Interviews on Wednesday.

Last week Years 7 and 9 joined the rest of Australia to complete their NAPLAN testing. I am delighted to report that all of the students were mature as they waited, moved in and completed the tests in the hall. Year 7 should be proud of themselves as these were their first formal examinations at secondary level.

In Week 5 (beginning Monday 26 May) we continue with mid-year examinations for Years 11 and 7. Years 8, 9 and 10 exams begin Monday afternoon (2 June) of Week 6.

An examination timetable will be distributed to students this week.

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students will attend all usual classes except when an exam is rostered. During this time, they will be in the hall.

Year 11 students only need to attend school during Week 5 and Monday (2 June) of Week 6 to sit for their timetabled exam. Year 11 classes do not run during the exam period. It is expected that if the students are at school, they would either be in the library, on the terrace or in the quadrangle studying.

It is never too early for students to begin revising and studying. Hopefully class notes are organised and students may even have summarised which will make study easier.

After the examination period, reports will be written, followed by Parent/Teacher Interviews. Interviews are an ideal opportunity for everyone to meet with their child's teacher to find out how they are coping at school. If you are unable to attend these evenings, all of our teachers are more than happy to speak with you over the phone.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, the Executive wants to highlight the importance of examinations. As such, it is expected that unless supporting documentation such as a medical certificate is presented, absence from any timetabled examination may result in a student receiving a zero for that task.

If your child is unable to attend school on a day when an exam is scheduled, please telephone the school or email me – [sday@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sday@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au), prior to 9.00am. The student will need to complete an Application for Extension/Special Consideration form and attach the supporting evidence on their return to school.

Please do not hesitate to ring me to discuss any Teaching and Learning concerns you may have.

*Ms Suzanne Day – Teaching and Learning Coordinator*

## CAREERS NEWS

### Tamworth Regional Career Expo

Over 3,000 school leavers from Tamworth, Gunnedah, Manilla, Walcha, Armidale, Wee Waa, Narrabri, Uralla, Guyra, Barraba, Quirindi and Moree attended the Regional Career Expo to seek assistance with planning their future career paths. This year's expo was held on Wednesday May 21, 2014 at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre (TRECC). McCarthy students in Years 10-12 were given the opportunity to look at the huge variety of courses and career options open to them by talking to employers, universities, TAFE, colleges and organisations such as the Defence Force, police and ambulance.

### Job Guide 2014

The Federal Government has sent several boxes of Job Guide 2014 books for students to use to also help them investigate thousands of career options. Primarily aimed at Year 10 students, they can be used in the Careers Room or borrowed if students wish to do so. Unfortunately we are not given enough for all Year 10 students. However, those contemplating leaving school at the end of Year 10 will be given a copy later this term.

### School Holiday Workshops

If students are interested in a creative design career, then these workshops are for them.

- Graphic Design
- Commerce My Own Business: Turn Your Ideas into Reality!
- Digital Media Introduction to 3D & Special FX, Animation & Games Design
- Fashion Design & Fashion Marketing
- Interior Design
- Photography

Offered during school holidays, they are suitable for anyone in Year 10, 11 or 12. The workshops are suitable for students who want to test-drive their creative design skills. <http://www.raffles.edu.au/workshops>

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

## MATHEMATICS

Year 7 through to Year 11 should be preparing for their Semester 1 assessments. Students should ensure they study their class notes, work through relevant exercises in their textbooks, complete any given sheets or practice papers and, if in Years 7 to 10, students should be accessing the Mathspace website. Students are required to have their own calculator for their assessment. Confidence in doing assessments comes from being well prepared and organised.

### Year 8 Mathematics Day

We won! Eight Year 8 students travelled to The University of New England for the annual Year 8 Mathematics Day. They worked in teams of four to solve Mathematics problems. Teamwork and working mathematically and teamwork were important. Congratulations to our winning team: Benjamin Howard, Isobelle Sullivan, Maggie Fulwood and Jamie-Rae Robinson-Barlow. Team 2: James O'Connor, Julia Northey, William Clinch and Emma Dumble. Thank you to Mr Chittick and Mr Hobbs who accompanied the students.

### Puzzle

A perfect number is one which is equal to the sum of all its factors, including one but excluding the number itself.

6 is the smallest perfect number. The factors of 6 are 1, 2, 3 and 6.  $6 = 1 + 2 + 3$

What is the next perfect number?

*Mrs Jane Ashcroft – Mathematics Coordinator*

## BAND NEWS

On Friday 16 May the school bands competed in the Gunnedah Eisteddfod. It was great to have some good competition in all sections.

The results were as follows:

The Jazz Band placed first.

The Concert Band placed second.

The Saxophone Quartet placed first.

The Brass Quintet placed second.

Band members: Madeleine Gale, Aleisha Hawken, Roy Barnes, Laraena Styman, Olivia Gale, Sarah Vella, Gabrielle Studdy, Anne Coates, Molly Trehy, Isabella Parker, Hope Taylor, Eleanor George, Shanice Madden, Daniel Glasson, Breanna Fox, Jaydon Merrick, Jasmine Tan, Hayden Davy, Daniel Canu, Matthew Letton, Ashleigh Aspinall, Jessica Higgins, Jack Lange, Augustine Mundele-Turner and Isabelle Turner.

Congratulations to all students involved especially those who changed parts to cover emergency absences.



*Mrs Lisa Lane*

## SPORT

### Diocesan Football Gala Day

McCarthy recently participated in the annual Diocesan Football Gala Day held in Inverell this year. McCarthy entered three teams.

The Gala Day is a round robin type carnival with three divisions: junior boys, senior boys and open girls.

The junior boys' team met some strong opposition drawing the first two games with St Marys, Gunnedah and Holy Trinity, Inverell. They played Holy Trinity again in the final match and won with a great goal by Carl Herden. Despite their efforts they were unable to secure a place in the next round of the competition. Thank you to Jack Beckett for coaching and leading this team on the day.

Junior boys: Ron Abasolo, Zac Alexander, Jack Beckett (c), Jack Davison, Liam Dunn, Scott Flanagan, Ben Foster, Blake Hawker, Carl Herden, Tom Kelly, Jude Malaga, Daniel Morris, Matthew Pannowitz, Brody Peak, Tom Rindo, Nick Ryan, Jack Williams.

The senior boys' team were successful winning the first game and drawing the second against O'Connor, Armidale. They now move into the second round of the CCC competition. Congratulations to Matthew Dunn for his excellent leadership and performance on the day.

Senior boys: Jayden Booth, Cameron Cannon, Jarrod Chester, Nathan Climpson, Antonio Comi, Jake Curran, Matthew Dunn (c), Isaac Farmilo, Rhett Graham, Will Jackson, Luke Guest, Joseph Murphy, Christopher Ninness, Sean Riley, George Shvili, Alexander Wood.

The open girls' team were successful in winning all three games on the day. Congratulations to Rhiannon Graham and Sophie Soles for two incredible goals in the final game against O'Connor, Armidale to secure a 3 – 2 victory.

Open girls: Juliana Bruno, Lauren Clark, Hollie Constable, Rhiannon Graham, Alicia Guest, Ella Heeney, Sophie Heeney, Alice Lyden, Isobel Paff (c), Taylah Ryan, Madison Sharp, Matilda Shumack, Sophie Soles.

Thank you to Miss O'Sullivan and Mr Adams for assisting on the day.

*Mr Ronny Rindo*

### **Equestrian**

Last Friday, 9 May, twenty McCarthy students competed at the annual Duri Public School Horse Sports Day. All students had a wonderful day winning numerous ribbons in events such as riding and hacking classes, and sporting events.

Sam Collett (Year 10) won the Champion Boy for 16+ age group, while Sophie Barr (Year 8) won the 14 girls' Age Champion and Jessica Clarke (Year 8) the Reserve Champion.

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who assisted and for bringing your child. Without this help, McCarthy students would not be able to attend Horse Sports days.

*Mrs Julie Kellahan*

### **BMX**

Daniel Morris (Year 10) recently competed at the Australian BMX Championships in Shepparton, Victoria. After several rides he qualified for the National Final where he placed sixth in Australia. This was the first time that he had qualified past the semi-finals in any category at the Australian Championships.



## **Tamworth Tenpin Bowling Social Night**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June**  
**6.30pm for 7.00pm start**  
**30 Anne St South Tamworth**

\$20 per person includes 2 games and pizza.

BYO Beer, Wine & pre-mixed drinks. Soft drinks available for purchase.

Limited numbers

First in, bowls best!

Payment in FULL required by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June to confirm your spot on the winning team!

**This is an over 18s only night**

**RSVP by 11<sup>th</sup> June** to the office & enclose cash or cheque payable to MCC Association.

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_

**This is an over 18s only night**

