Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer
Dear Lord
This week we pray for a deeper connection to the rich heritage of the Church and all whom through the centuries have taught and shared the Gospel. Give us a deep love for the history and tradition we are a part of and let us call upon the great men and women before us who now stand before the throne of God interceding for us and the mission that remains.
Help us to reflect each morning on the nobility, richness and privilege of this vocation.

Deepen our love for young people and our hunger to teach the Gospel.
We make this prayer in Your name.
Amen.

Reflection
We, both parents, as the first teachers in the faith for their children, and teachers share in the wonderful ministry of teaching established by Jesus 2,000 years ago. Jesus’ teaching did not stop when he ascended to the Father, but was continued and passed on by his Apostles. Three things are crucial to the making of disciples mandated by Jesus just before he ascended; the teachings of the Apostles, the breaking of the bread and prayer – all three are an important part of life at McCarthy Catholic College.

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Staff Matters
Mrs Thompson has returned to work part-time on a gradual return-to-work program, following the incident in May. She hopes to be back in a full-time capacity by the start of next term. I thank students, parents and staff for the concern expressed over the past four months and for the generosity of staff in managing workload and accommodating the necessary changes. I am certain we all share the same hope for Kathy’s full recovery and look forward to having her back as a full-time member of our staff.

The position of Principal at McCarthy has been advertised. TRAK, a specialist education recruitment agency, will be managing the process.

School Opening
Mr Andrew Burke has returned from the opening of the Kilikiliki School in Zambia, the school built from the funds McCarthy has raised for Catholic Mission through our walkathon. This year’s walkathon will assist in furnishing the school. There is much work to be done before the school will be fully operational and we hope to support the Mission to complete the project in support of the community in Kilikiliki. Mr Burke provided a report at assembly this week and urged students to take the opportunity to help others.

Opening of the Freezer
Last Wednesday the school’s new MindZone influenced “Freezer” was officially opened in the specially established area of the College library. The zone provides a ‘cool’ space for students to relax, renew and to read resources relating to mental health and well-being. On behalf of the school community, I thank Tamara Shoemark, Clarissa Veil, Libby Wakeford, Kylie Pursche, Ronny Rindo, Lesley O’Shea and the students involved for all the work that has led to the provision of this great resource in our school. It was encouraging to see so many official guests present and to hear the speeches and performance of students during the opening ceremony.

Congratulations
Congratulations are extended to the following students and staff:
- Tyler Smith and Miss Sjollema – Tyler won the Namoi CMA “Property Planning” award, presented recently at AgQuip
- Year 10 Food Technology students and staff (Mrs Maxworthy, Mrs Gale and Mrs O’Neill) for the outstanding service provided at AgQuip
- Students (and their coaches) participating in the Friday Night Rugby competition and the Netball competition.

Year 12
We are now entering the final two weeks of school for our Year 12 students. This is a very important time for consolidation, planning and preparation for examinations and future pathways. The school has a number of special events planned to mark this important period of transition for students.

Mrs Kate Rayment – Principal
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Shade For Secondary Schools Grant Program
It is very exciting to announce that we have been successful in securing funds under the Cancer Council and EFTPOS Shade for Secondary Schools Grant this year. Across Australia, one in eight schools applied for the grants and McCarthy has received $18,000 to purchase eight portable shade structures for use at carnivals and outdoor events. These structures will go a long way to improving sun protection for students at outdoor events - Tamworth is a beautiful place to live, but even in Winter we have a UV rating of at least 3 on most days. Cancer Council research has shown that provision of shade will reduce the cumulative UV exposure of students.

Mrs Sally Sparke – Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Religious Education Coordinator Conference
Last week, I attended the annual REC Conference at Moree. The highlight of the Conference was the launching of Bishop Michael Kennedy’s paper on Catholic Principles and Values for the New NSW Syllabuses. Bishop Kennedy spoke to the RECs of the Diocese about the importance of these Catholic Principles for our Catholic identity and ongoing participation in the mission of the Church. RECs and teachers across all schools in the Diocese will set about embedding these principles and values in all curriculum taught in our schools. Much work will be done in developing teaching and learning strategies and resources to assist the explicit teaching of these principles in all subject areas. They will give our teaching programs a rich and authentically Catholic dimension.

Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinator

PASTORAL CARE
Condolences
Our prayers and sympathy go to Priyanka Pinto and her family following the death of her grandmother and Sophia Anderson and her family following the death of her grandfather.

Certificates of Achievement
The following students are to be congratulated on receiving a Certificate of Achievement:

Year 9: Anna Crisp, Jesse Kelly, Karie Mayman, Jeffrey Wong, Natasha Favaloro, Andrew Balquin, Patrick Ferguson, Katherine Sleiman, Alix Sills, Jasmine Tan

Year 10: Cassandra Semple, James Berthold, Benjamin Foster, Hannah Backhouse, David Northey, Tahnee Reid, Emmalene Tinson, Paige Leonard

Year 11: Ryan Whitbread, Bridget Galvin, Pippa Herden, Isobel Tarte

Year 12: Dana Dehm, Hannah Gunning, Denikah Ruttle, James Wong, Alex Leonard, Thomas Paff, Ellie Sampson, Madeleine Sanson, Christopher Pattison, Claire Stoltenberg, Rhys Chillingworth, Nathan Daly, Ruth Makwara.

Educational Access Schemes (EAS) – Year 12
UAC applicants who have experienced long term or critical disadvantage as a result of circumstances beyond their control can complete an EAS application which may result in special consideration from a university. All completed forms with all relevant documentation should be returned to Mrs McGregor by Tuesday 9 September.

Happy Father’s Day
Best wishes for a great day to all the dads, stepdads, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and mates who help our children each day to be good people and to achieve their goals.

Theme for the Week
While we don’t have all we want, most of us have more than we need. Although it may not be enjoyable at the time the future rewards and the satisfaction achieved make it worthwhile.

“Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration” – Thomas Edison

Mrs Julie McGregor – Pastoral Care Coordinator

TEACHING AND LEARNING
Year 11 Exams
End-of-course exam time for Year 11 students is approaching. For most subjects, these exams are the final task included in the assessment schedule. Exams are often included as assessment tools as they are an efficient way to formulate a snapshot of a student’s progress. At McCarthy, we introduce students to the experience of examinations from Year 7 so that they are familiar with the procedures involved and for when they sit for their HSC. Our formal examination period is important and students are expected to sit for their exams at the published time. We endeavour to emulate BOSTES procedures to assist students in understanding the nature of exams. The Board states, ‘It is important that you attend the examinations where possible, even in the case of illness/misadventure. The Board will not uphold an illness/misadventure application if the reason for your absence is not considered to be sufficiently serious.’

It is expected that all students sit for their exams at the published time. However, we understand that students become sick and as such, they cannot concentrate or perform well. In this instance, if your child is unwell, a phone call to school or email to sday@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au or Year Coordinator is expected before the start of the examination. A medical certificate must be presented on their return to school and attached to the blue ‘Application for Extension of or Special Consideration for an Assessment Task’ form, which is available from the office. If this procedure is not followed then your child runs the risk of receiving a zero for this task. If the absence is due to a reason other than illness, a blue ‘Application for Extension of or Special
Consideration for an Assessment Task’ form must also be submitted with supporting documentation. This application will be considered by a panel of senior staff to determine if it will be upheld. All students are expected to complete the exam upon their return to school.

Ms Suzanne Day – Teaching and learning Coordinator
sday@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au

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| ‘Spent’ember Car Boot Sale – Saturday 13 September |
| A car boot sale will be held on Saturday 13 September commencing at 8.00am. Cost is $20 per space and a sausage sizzle and tea and coffee will be available. Contact Louise ph: 0402111258 to book your space. Please see attached flyer. |

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<td>For Year 12 students, this is the time of deadlines for many applications for scholarships, Early Entry Schemes and to UAC, QTA and VTAC for study at university. Year 12 students are encouraged to keep focussed and to check their CareersAlert emails each week due to the volume of information regarding courses, open days, scholarships and job vacancies. There are many university and private college open days being held this month for students and their parents. Students should mark the dates in their diaries.</td>
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| Everingham Solomons Bursary |
| Each year, Everingham Solomons offers a local Year 12 student wishing to undertake university study in Law the opportunity to receive a Bursary. It provides financial assistance to the value of $1000 for the successful applicant during their first year, as well as an opportunity to gain valuable work experience in their offices. Interested students are asked to see me to assist them in making an application. Applications close 30 September 2014. |

| Year 11 |
| As a result of ongoing changes to University Early Entry Schemes, all Year 11 students have been advised that nine universities will have access to their Year 11 marks and others will ask for them when determining the success of application for Early Entry Schemes when these students are in Year 12. |

| MUSIC |
| **HSC Music Performance Evening** |
| On Wednesday evening of 20 August, HSC Music students presented their Performance Programmes to family, friends and the teaching staff of McCarthy Catholic College. Congratulations to those students who performed and contributed to the success of the evening. HSC Music examinations begin on Tuesday 9 September and continue until the end of the week. Students are very busy rehearsing. |

| Mrs Suzanne Perfrement – Music Teacher |

| YOUNG DRIVERS EXPO |
| On Thursday 28 August, Year 11 students attended the 2014 Young Drivers Expo at the TRECC. The day commenced with a skit about the aftermath of a car crash, with McCarthy students Cara Paterson, Taylor Ambrose, Kimberley Taggart, Megan Murphy, Olivia Dillon and Phoebe Thornberry performing each day of the expo. A presentation was made by James from the Brad Hillier Foundation, telling the students of his experiences with the fatal car crash in which his nephew, Brad, was killed. The car wreck from Brad’s crash was on display in the centre of the TRECC for viewing by the students. Following this, the group was split and smaller groups attended exhibitions from Police Crash Investigators, the NRMA, the RMS, the Brain Injury Unit, and others. After lunch, a demonstration of correct and incorrect braking techniques and the effect of these on stopping distance was conducted by the Crash Investigation Unit. Overall, the day was a worthwhile educational experience for Year 11 students. Thank you to Mr Mitchell, Ms Cannon, Mr Adams and Mr Merrick for accompanying us. |

| Bridget Galvin – Year 11 student |

| LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY |
| On Tuesday 19 August, Year 11 students attended a Leadership Development Day conducted by staff at school. The day consisted of different groups discussing various aspects of leadership including the attributes that make a good leader. Topics included spiritual leadership, leadership at McCarthy, the process involved in SLC selection and expectations of being a positive leader at senior level. On behalf of Year 11, I would like to thank Mr Walker, Mrs Stuart, Miss Davis, Mr Mitchell, Mrs Molony and Mrs McGregor and all involved in the preparation of the day. |

| Isaac Carr – Year 11 student |
AGRICULTURE
Property Planning

Congratulations to Tyler Smith (Year 11) who was announced Grand Champion for the 2014 Property Planning Competition in an awards ceremony held at AgQuip. This is a highly contested and prestigious award. Tyler’s entry was judged against all the entrants from our zone and the Northern zone to be declared the winner. The judges felt that she was able to combine the goals of sustainability, economic viability and productivity in an effective farm plan.

National Beef Cattle Paraders

Congratulations to Alex Watt (Year 9) who represented NSW in the National Beef Cattle Paraders Final held at the Ekka last month. Alex did an exceptional job preparing and parading her animal and should be proud of her efforts in this tough competition.

Miss Leanne Sjollema – Agriculture Teacher

AGQUIP

Fabulous Food Technology at AgQuip

Year 10 Food Technologists have had an action packed week at AgQuip. As part of their unit of work Food Service and Catering, the students from both classes made the journey each day to man the stall for the Murray Grey Association. With their lovely new shirts and an ever present smile, the students prepared steaks and catered for thousands of happy customers, to an exceptional standard. They made 4,700 steak sandwiches, used 600 loaves of bread and over 700kg of prime scotch fillets, all washed down with 2400 bottles of soft drinks and hundreds of complementary teas and coffees.

The students were wonderful and had many comments on their beautiful presentation and friendly service. Congratulations Year 10 Food Technology, we are very proud of you. We especially thank Mrs O’Neill for her outstanding contribution and for driving the bus to Gunnedah each day.

Mrs Michelle Gale and Mrs Raelene Maxworthy

SPORT

Australian Cross Country Championships

Ella Heeney travelled to Albany in Western Australia to compete in the Australian Cross Country Championships from 21-25 August in the Under 16 division. She placed midfield out of the seventy competitors. Sophie Heeney was selected in the NSW Senior Athletics Australia team to compete at the same event.

Friday Night Rugby

Last week, McCarthy U13s, U14s and U15s Rugby Union teams competed in the grand final of the school competition at Ken Chillingworth Oval. Thank you to the coaches and families who supported the boys. Results were as follows:

Under 13s

McCarthy played Calrossy Anglican School in the opening final of the night. Cooper Kelly and Nick Taggart scored two converted tries in the first ten minutes, however Calrossy led by three points at half-time. Both teams had chances in the second-half, however, neither side could break the defensive line. Unfortunately, McCarthy were defeated 17 – 14 in an entertaining match. Team: Connor Betts, Isaac Byrne, Drae Clark, Jack Connell, Joseph Doherty, Angus Doyle, Edward George, Samuel Halcroft, Ben Hewitt, Cooper Kelly, Michael Klasen, Hayden McGregor, Cooper Sartori, Thomas Sharman, Jared Sing, Ethan Smith, Jacob Smyth, Nick Taggart and Braydon Thompson. Coach: Mr Damian Kenniff.

Under 14s

McCarthy played Carinya Christian School in the final of the Under 14s. McCarthy went out to an early lead (14-0) however Carinya fought back in the second half to lead 15-14. Strong defence and several quick tries resulted in a 33 – 15 win. Congratulations to the boys who remained undefeated for the season. Try scorers were Mackenzie Ashcroft (4) and Hayden Mills (1).
Under 15s
McCarthy Under 15s played Farrer Green in the final. Cameron Witherdin scored early in the first-half followed by a try under the goalposts by Jye Paterson. Connor Robinson scored a try at the beginning of the second-half however Farrer fought back scoring two late tries. McCarthy’s strong defence held Farrer out in order to win 17 – 12. Thank you to the parents who supported the boys throughout the season.


McCathy Netball
McCarthy Netball had thirteen teams play this year in the Tamworth Netball Association Saturday competition. Seven of these teams were successful in making the semi-finals played last Saturday 30 August.

The MCC Mexicans (13/14C) and the MCC Diamonds (15/16C) were minor premiers and both teams won their major semi-final to progress to the grand final to be played on Saturday 13 September.

MCC Drop Bears (13/14C) and MCC Mayhem (15/6A) will play this weekend in the finals. The final three teams, MCC All Stars (13/14C), MCC Warriors (15/16B) and MCC Hammers (17/18) all played well in their semi-final but were unfortunately defeated.

Good luck to the four teams left in the competition.

7/8 All Schools Touch Carnival
On Tuesday 2 September, McCarthy competed in the NSW Year 7/8 All Schools’ Touch Football Tournament at Gipps Street Playing Fields. The boys’ team tried hard all day, but were unfortunately knocked out in the quarter final by the eventual winners St Joseph's Aberdeen.

The girls’ team finished second in their pool heading into the quarter finals. They easily accounted for Barraba in the quarter finals, progressing to the major semi-final against St Joseph's Aberdeen, with whom McCarthy had drawn in the pool round. McCarthy won the rematch, setting up a final against Oxley High. The girls overcame Oxley High to take out the carnival. Standout players for the day were Tyla Endemi, Madison Sharp, Ella Heeney and Rosie Ferguson, who played throughout the day with a wrist injury.

The girls now have the opportunity to travel to Penrith for the All Schools State Finals in November.

Girls: Jessica Clarke, Tyla Endemi, Rosie Ferguson, Millah Green, Ella Heeney, Sienna Kennedy, Emily Nicholson, Phoebe McLoughlin, Billie Mitchell, Laura Robertson, Grace Salter, Madison Sharp, Jasmine Shumack and Breanna Williams.


Referees: Matilda Shumack and Patrick Ferguson.

Equestrian Team
On Friday 22 August nineteen students from McCarthy’s Equestrian team competed in the annual Carinya Christian School Horse Sports at the Kootingal Pony Club Grounds at Moombi. Congratulations to Joshua Turner (Year 7) who was awarded Champion 12 year old Boy, Mykenzie Semple (Year 7) was awarded equal 13 year Girls’ Champion and Michaelockings (Year 10) took out the 16+ Boys’ Champion. McCarthy students won ribbons in most events including Riding and Hack events and then Sporting in the afternoon.

In Term 4, McCarthy students will be competing at the Interschool’s Horse Extravaganza at AELEC from Saturday 19 October to Tuesday 22 October in a wide variety of equestrian disciplines. We wish them all success at this event.

Mrs Julie Kellahan - MCC Equestrian Coordinator

Cricket
Coaching Clinic
Geoff Dymock, leading coach and former test cricketer, will be conducting coaching clinics for junior cricketers during the upcoming school holidays. The clinic will be held at Riverside Nets, Carter Street, Tamworth on Wednesday 24 September from 9.00am – 3.00pm. Cost is $60.00. To register please contact info@cogsaustralia.com or phone: 0414255193. Mrs Natalie Paterson can be contacted for further information on phone: 0438670392.
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‘Spent’ember Car Boot Sale
Saturday 13 September 2014

Clean out your cupboards, find your lost treasures, load your trailer, fill your boot and make your money at our ‘Spent’ember sale

$20 per space

Sale starts at 8:00am

Sausage sizzle
Tea/Coffee

Contact Louise 0402 111 258 to book your space