Dear Parents & Students,

**Prayer**

_Do It Anyway_

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centred: Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives:

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful you will win some false friends and true enemies:

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you: Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight: Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous: Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow: Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough: Give it anyway.

For you see, in the final analysis it is between you and GOD: It was never between you and them anyway.

(Mother Teresa)

**Reflection**

As a new initiative, our wonderful staff at McCarthy Catholic College are gathering for Gospel reading and Prayers of Intercesssion each Friday before classes begin. I trust that this experience and further witness in our weekend parish Masses encourages our young men and women to also experience the Word beyond the boundaries of what we do here in our Religious Education classes, Liturgies and Retreats. The Gospel reading last week from Mark (1:21-28) was particularly powerful for us, as we began our new year as a faith community, in that Jesus spoke with the undeniable authority of God. Not on behalf of God but as God’s Son. Hence, his fame spread and the cultural message of Jesus grew around Galilee. As Sr. Veronica Lawson reflects — God’s reign or empire is made real through a healing action that is perceived as “a new teaching”. No word of Jesus’ teaching is reported, only his actions. Those actions are presented as “teaching”. We teach by who we are and what we do. There is much wisdom in this for us as educators and students.

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 2015 School Year**

Welcome to McCarthy Catholic College to all new students and their families, as well as our continuing students and families. Further, I have been personally heartened and touched by the sincere and genuine greeting that I have received as the new Principal of this wonderful community. From the local business operators, to the incredible staff, the local clergy, to the beautiful students, my wife Judy and I have been made to feel a part of a vibrant and caring community, in quick time. Thank you for that high quality welcome and if we have not met yet I trust that we can do so soon at one of the many McCarthy community events that are advertised throughout the year in this newsletter.

I read the prayer copied above to the students on Thursday when we gathered as a whole college community for the first time in 2015. The context of the powerful prayer from Mother Teresa was one of new beginnings and opportunities and if one is going to make a fresh start and follow a new direction then it will require some courage to ignore the ‘naysayers’ and those who hark to the fickleness of the group. “Doing it anyway” requires a deepened relationship with your God and a sense of purpose and a determination to follow your goals and dreams. Hence, my clarification to our young men and young women that McCarthy is a place to be proud of as both a dedicated place of worship and _excellence in teaching and learning_. It should not matter what happens outside the gates. However, when we enter those gates our focus should be all about getting the best out of the opportunities inside this precinct. To facilitate that focus I clarified the 3 basic rights of members of this community:

1. The right to feel _safe_
2. The right to _learn_
3. The right to be treated with _respect_.

And if these rights are to be upheld then we all – staff and students – have a responsibility to uphold these 4 uncomplicated guidelines:

As a member of the McCarthy Catholic College (MCC) community:

1. I will ensure my behaviours and attitudes must be _respectful_ towards all staff, students, and property
2. I will place _safe_ behaviours at the heart of all I do
3. I will comply with all that is _lawful_
4. I will come to class _on time, prepared and ready to work_.

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5 February 2015
In fact, I condensed these responsibilities down even further and also borrowed a great Australian phrase to emphasise what we are about.

As a member of the MCC community we need to be RESPECTFUL, SAFE, LAWFUL and 'FAIR DINKUM'.

And 'fair dinkum' about quality Teaching and Learning! For me that is the key to success for our wonderful young men and women at McCarthy. The teachers here have a professional orientation to improve their practice to enhance the learning of all of the students in their classes. I see it as my role to actively support these teachers in preparing and delivering a teaching and learning program that reeks of academic rigour and data-informed learning experiences to intentionally enhance the strengths and mitigate the weaknesses of students in their classes. The students therefore need to be ‘fair dinkum’ about their learning and bring a similar professional and focussed orientation to their daily work to work in partnership with these great teachers.

To conclude I say the same thing to you that I said to our students, I was intentionally attracted to McCarthy for two main reasons. Firstly, because I have aspired to lead a Catholic college in a country area, having spent most of my 28-year teaching and administrative career in catholic schools in rural areas. I like what living in the country brings to a Catholic school. Secondly, the fine spiritual and academic reputation of McCarthy Catholic College is well-known and highly regarded around the Armidale Diocese. Hence, as Principal I want all members of our community to be proud of what we have here and to nurture it at all times by our words and our actions. Our predecessors, both staff and students have worked too long and too hard for us to now not appreciate their hard work and vision.

We have Great Teachers; Great Staff; Great Facilities and Great Students so in partnership let us continue to grow this Great Community with quality teaching and learning and a relationship with our God as the focus! May your God go with you.

2015 Staff Appointments and Changes:

New Positions:
Principal – Mr Geoff McManus
Mathematics Teacher – Mr Dane Kelly
Mathematics/Technology Teacher – Mr Nicholas Fahey
English Teachers – Mrs Shannon Monro and Miss Rebecca Hannan
Technology Teacher – Mrs Julie Kellahan
Food Technology Assistant – Mrs Linda Sinclair

2015 Role Changes
Pastoral Care Coordinator – Mrs Libby Molony
Year 12 Coordinator – Mrs Kate Woolaston
Year 11 Coordinator – Mrs Michelle Gale
TAS Coordinator – Mrs Raelene Maxworthy

Music/Languages teachers Mrs Suzanne Perfrement and Mrs Lisa Lane, and School Counsellors Mrs Tamara Shoemark and Mrs Clarissa Tebbatt will undertake job-share arrangements in 2015.

HSC Results
The school community congratulates the Class of 2014 on their outstanding HSC results. The dux, Jacinta Flynn (96), was recognised at the school assembly this week, where she will be presented with the Sr Patricia Rowe Award for Dux 2014.

Year 7 Welcome Barbeque
The McCarthy staff warmly invites Year 7 students and their families to a Welcome Barbeque at the school on 16 February from 5.30pm – 7.00pm. It is a casual event that enables parents to meet some of the teachers who will be working with their children this year. A letter will be sent home shortly.

McCárthy Executive Staff for 2015
Principal: Mr Geoff McManus
Assistant Principal: Mrs Sally Sparke
Religious Education Coordinator: Mrs Cate Allen
Teaching & Learning Coordinator: Ms Suzanne Day
Pastoral Care Coordinator: Mrs Libby Molony

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 1 April and interviews will be conducted throughout Term 2. Open Day will be held on Saturday 7 March from 10.00am until 1.00pm. Applications for students from non-feeder schools will close Wednesday 24 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 6 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, school app 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 Scully Park Pool from 2.00pm – 7.30pm on Thursday 26 February. The following day, Friday 27 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/text messages 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. Alternatively you can email absentees to kwalden@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au.

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. Please note: this does NOT include family holidays. Students who are going to be on leave due to family holidays are to send a written note to the school prior to the leave.

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 address 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 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 2015 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](http://www.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au)) and the school app 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 2015 and wish families all the best for the year. Mr Geoff McManus – Principal

RELIIGIOUS 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 gathered at St Patrick’s to celebrate the Eucharist together and pray for God’s blessing on the 2015 school year. The Mass was 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.

Staff/Parent Retreat
On Wednesday 11 February McCarthy is hosting a retreat for interested staff and parents in the PAC from 5.00pm – 6.30pm. 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 2015 we are providing 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.

Lent
McCarthy will host a Lenten group again this year for staff, interested parents and parishioners. This will be held on the Wednesday of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday 18 February from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinator

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Welcome everyone to 2015. This year we are continuing the focus on each individual 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 setting expectations for themselves. I hope that this shared vision and direction continues to improve learning outcomes for 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. Please remember that wearing the uniform correctly is a way of demonstrating respect for self and for McCarthy. This includes shirts tucked in, socks pulled up, uniforms of appropriate length and no facial piercings or excess jewellery. Hats are now part of the uniform and need to be worn every day.

SLC 2015
Congratulations to the following students who were inducted to the 2015 SLC at assembly:
Year 12: Beau Alderton, Taylor Ambrose, Isaac Carr, Vindhya Dayaratne, Bridget Galvin, Patrick Goodwin, Megan Murphy, Mikayla Thompson, Nicholas Sanderson, Connor Wieland.
Year 11: Jack Beckett, Hayden Davy, Olivia Dillon, Matilda Shumack, Dominic Sills, Jessica Thompson.
Year 10: Jack Awad, Emily Donaldson, Patrick Ferguson, Daniel Glasson, Annie Hobson, Katherine Sleiman.
Year 9: Riley Carr, India Dietrich, Barry Lane, Stacey Thrift.
Year 8: Angus Doyle, Conor Noonan, Lily O’Connor-Bourke, Miah O’Sullivan.
I look forward to working with the students this year. 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 2015 Pastoral Care team is:

- Mrs Libby Molony  emolony@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au  Pastoral Care Coordinator
- Mrs Melissa Bearup  mbearup@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  fonell@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au  Year 10 Coordinator
- Mrs Michelle Gale  mgale@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au  Year 11 Coordinator
- Mrs Kate Woolaston  kwoolaston@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au  Year 12 Coordinator
- Mrs Tamara Shoemark  tshoemark@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au  Counsellor
- Mrs Clarissa Tebbatt  cveil@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: Dominique Enriquez, Brock McMahon, Annabelle Pegus, Krisha Transona, Jake Vost
- Year 9: Busani Hove, Georgia Volk
- Year 10: Samuel Pegus
- Year 11: Georgia Barnes, Olivia Church, Adrea Enriquez, Chang Goh, Dani’elle Haley, Nyasha Hove, Megan Riley, Tahlia Townsend

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

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, i.e. 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 2015 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 Libby Molony – Pastoral Care Coordinator

PARENT INFORMATION

Welcome to all families to Term 1 2015 from the McCarthy Association. A special welcome to all new parents/guardians.

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 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: Meeting dates for 2015, major raffle, Social/Fundraising Calendar 2015.

Camper Trailer Raffle

This year the McCarthy Association will be raffling a MDC Extreme Explorer V3 Camper Trailer plus inclusions valued at $10,000. Tickets are $2.00 each and will be drawn on Thursday 17 September 2015. Proceeds will go to the refurbishment of toilet blocks and purchasing of outdoor furniture. Please see flyer attached.

Wine and Cheese Night

You are invited to attend the McCarthy Association Wine and Cheese Night in March. More details to follow.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Welcome to 2015. I am again working in the relieving Teaching and Learning Coordinator position for this year as Mrs McHugh’s secondment with Board of Studies continues.

This year continues with our teachers implementing the NSW Board of Studies’ syllabuses that incorporate the Australian Curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History for Years 8 and 10. This means that all students in Years 7 through to 10 will be working with Australian Curriculum content. Yet again, our staff has been working incredibly hard on gathering resources and creating
programs of work to deliver this content. Geography, PDHPE, Languages, Technology, and Creative Arts syllabuses remain unchanged as the NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards have not yet endorsed the Australian Curriculum content.

Again this year, McCarthy will provide all students with a school planner. It is expected that all students utilise this diary as it provides the framework for efficient organisation. Not only does it contain important information about the school, the planner also has useful information that will allow students to take control of their learning. Naturally, it is the logical place for students to record their homework, along with the due dates for their assessment tasks. The planners are also used for communication between your child’s teachers and home. Please encourage your child to use this valuable resource and sign in the designated space at least weekly. 

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.

Ms Suzanne Day – Teaching and Learning Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Welcome back. This year 1 will be available to see students in the Careers Room in the library at lunchtimes on Wednesdays and Fridays. 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 arrange a convenient interview time. Parents are also welcome to contact me via email or by phoning the school. It is a big term for Year 11 and Year 12 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 during the holidays.

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 2015 with various events and opportunities available to students.

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

LANGUAGES

Bienvenu! Selamat datang! Benvenutoa! Welcome! Year 8 students shall again be studying a language this year at McCarthy; can you work out which ones we offer? As a part of their study, students will be required to purchase an online resource (this replaces the textbook which have been used previously). A note was sent home containing further details on cost and use. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students who will now have access to an extensive range of listening material from native speakers! We anticipate that this will have a large impact on our students’ learning and can also benefit family members at home. We look forward to a thrilling year of exploration in Languages; start planning your holidays!

Miss Kathryn O’Sullivan – Language teacher

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 at the library and sign out when they leave. Study Club is supervised by staff on a volunteer basis and they can be asked for assistance if a student requires help. This is not an internet café 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 attend Study Club. This is an opportunity that allows students to focus on their learning and to help by providing facilities and resources to assist them.

Study Club will commence on Tuesday 10 February this term. From Term 2 onwards, Study Club will commence on Tuesday in Week 2 of each term.

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

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. Maths help is available in B1 at lunchtimes on Mondays. I wish all a happy, rewarding 2015 and hope students use their class time productively and work towards achieving their goals.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
McCarthy's Instrumental Music Program will continue in 2015. 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 Tuesday mornings from 8.15am – 9.00am in the PAC. This advanced group is for trumpet, trombone and saxophone players. There are vacancies for a 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 7. Year 7 students will be given an opportunity to apply shortly.

Saxophone Quartet will rehearse at lunchtimes on Mondays. Brass Ensemble will rehearse at lunchtimes on Tuesdays. 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. Concert and Jazz Band members will need to purchase a band shirt this year at a cost of $40. 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 or Mrs Fulwood - Creative Arts Coordinator.

Mrs Jane Ashcroft – Mathematics Coordinator

The following is a list of the required texts for Years 7 – 12:
Year 8: Cambridge MATHS NSW Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum Print and Digital Bundle with HOTmaths. ISBN 978 110 763 819 8
Year 9: MATHS QUEST 9 New South Wales Australian Curriculum Edition Stages 5.1, 5.2, 5.3.
Year 10: Cambridge MATHS NSW Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum Year 10 Stage 5.1/5.2 Print and Digital Bundle with HOTmaths. ISBN 978 110 769 1858 (classes of Mr Kelly, Mr Godden, Mr Fahey and Ms Harvey)
Cambridge MATHS NSW Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum Year 10 Stage 5.1/5.2/5.3 Print and Digital Bundle with HOTmaths. ISBN 978 110 766 6757 (classes of Mrs O’Neill and Mr Chittick)
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

McCarthy Newsletter
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5 February 2015

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.

Price Rise
Large juice $3.00, small juice $2.50, JJ chips and noodles $1.00, sunfruits $1.00, plain milk $2.00.

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.

PARENT LETTER
To the staff and parents of McCarthy Catholic College,

Once again the MCC angels have descended upon my place and transformed it through true friendship and Christian values. Upon arriving home from our holidays in December, we arrived to see a new “tarted up” garden and Christmas decorated verandah. Once inside, we discovered blinds had been hung on the windows, screens had been fixed, the house cleaned (including the bathroom), fresh flowers on the table and the fridge/freezer and pantry stuffed with goodies. Unbeknownst to us, there had been a power failure and the food had all rotted….wait, there’s more. The surrounding yard had also been tidied and mowed and beautified. It was all so beautiful and perfect. A huge and sincere THANK YOU from the Rice family to you all. In particular, I would like to mention Louise Henry, Tracey Carrington, Laura Hughes and Megan Jamieison (lovely gals from the MCC Association) but firstly angels disguised as my friends. Additionally, Megan had organised her RFS mates to take part in the action. Heavily involved were the dynamic amazing staff of MCC. I only have a few names: Mr Vella and Mr Ritchie. I apologise to all those I missed. I know there were many. Once again, thank you very much for all you have done for us. It is greatly appreciated. My family and I are very privileged to be a part of the MCC community.

God bless you all.

Marie, Christian, Claire and Evan Rice

NSWCCC Blues Awards

Isaac Farmilo received a Blue Bar, to a previously awarded Blue, for his achievements in Hockey.

Sophie Heeney received a Blue for her achievements in Triathlon.

I would like to congratulate each of these students on being recognised for their high level of excellence in their chosen sports and thank them for representing McCarthy Catholic College and the Armidale Diocese with such dedication.

When I have spoken to Sophie and Isaac about their sporting achievements, they have come across as very humble students who are very grateful for the support of their parents, coaches and sport convenors. I also thank the many teachers, school staff and parents who donate so much of their time to ensuring that we provide a quality sport program for our students at McCarthy Catholic College.

NSWCCC

There are a number of closing dates coming up which both parents and students need to be aware of in regards to some NSWCCC endorsed sports:

- Softball - Girls and Boys: 10 February
- Baseball - Girls and Boys: 17 February
- Tennis - Girls and Boys: 23 February
- Cricket - Girls: 26 February
- Golf - Girls and Boys: 2 March

I would ask that parents continually check the website for up to date information on closing dates and competitions, and are familiar with the following information on how to access and / or register and expression of interest for a sport.

Step 1: Please go to the website www.csss.nsw.edu.au
If you have not registered online before go to Step 2. If you have registered online before go to Step 7 to complete an expression of interest for a sport.

Step 2: Go to the “What’s my password?” button (in the top panel on the right)
Step 3: Select “I am a parent/guardian for a student”.
Step 4: Select “Secondary School Student”.
Step 5: Select “How do I get a login for the website?”
Scroll to the bottom under “If you do not have a login”
Click here to get a new account and log in
Step 6: Set up a PARENT ACCOUNT. You will receive an email with your new password.
Step 7: LOGIN (in the top panel). To login you put in your email and the password you received.
Step 8: Select NSWCCC
Step 9: Select the sport you are interested in.
Step 10: Select REGISTER. Here you will either be asked to make an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST or to REGISTER.
Step 11: Once you have completed all the information an email will be sent immediately to the Diocesan Rep, Principal and School Sports Coordinator.
Step 12: You can log in at any time to see the status of your registration.
Step 13: Please make sure your details (email address and mobile) remain up to date so that you can be emailed or sent a text message.

Check carefully the payment process – for some sports you pay online while for other sports you pay direct to your school.

Any problems, please contact me at the school.

Swimming Carnival
The McCarthy Catholic College Twilight Swimming Carnival will be held in Week 5 on Thursday 26 February at Scully Pool in West Tamworth. There will be more information on the carnival in the coming weeks.

Mr Matt Feltrin – Sports Coordinator

NSW Athletics Country Championships
Ella and Sophie Heeney competed in the NSW Athletics Country Championships on 25 and 26 January. Ella won a gold medal in the Under 16 years 400m and a bronze in the Open 800m. Sophie won gold in the Under 19 3,000m. Congratulations girls.

ABCRA National Championships
ABCRA Australian National Championship Rodeo and Campdraft was held at AELEC (Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre) in Tamworth on 20-24 January 2014. Two McCarthy students qualified for this year’s ABCRA National Finals.
Anna Crisp (Year 10) qualified for the Junior Breakaway Roping coming in 11th position finishing as the Aggregate champion and 7th overall for the 2014 season.
Nicholas Penrose (Year 11) qualified for the 14 – U18 Juvenile Steer Ride in top position and won the National Australian title in this event. He also placed 2nd in the Aggregate Title Championship in the same event, which is calculated over the two nights of competition, missing the top spot by 1 point.
RAFFLE

WIN

MDC - EXTREME EXPLORER V3 CAMPER TRAILER

- On road costs
- 1 x Swing out kitchenette Including sink and fold out bench
- 1 x Sealed Aluminium Toolbox
- 1 x 85 Litre Water Tank, with Hand pump on Kitchenette.
- 1 x Brand new Spare Tyre and Tyre Carrier
- 1 x Gusseted Stone Guard with Quality Mesh & Bungee wrapping

Other inclusions:
- Weber BBQ • Rope lighting • Cutlery • 16pc Crockery set • Kettle • Table and chairs
- 2 x Gas cylinders • Gasmate 2 burner gas stove and grill • Coleman rechargeable Lantern
- Fridge Freezer 65L Companion •Fridge stand • Bunk beds • 2 x self inflating Mattresses
- 1 x Queen mattress • 2 x Jerry cans • Portable Clothesline • Porta potty •Double pop up ensuite

Total prize valued at $10,000

RAFFLE DRAWN ON THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2015

at McCarthy Catholic College at 9.30am
Notification by phone and in the Northern Daily Leader Newspaper