

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer

Peter came up to the Lord and asked,

"How many times should I forgive someone who does something wrong to me?

Is seven times enough?"

Jesus answered, "Not just seven times, but seventy-seven times!"

(Matthew 18:21-22)

Reflection

We would probably all agree that forgiveness is a wonderful thing, until we actually need to forgive. To really forgive another person is probably the most difficult thing we are called to do as followers of Christ. Forgiveness is not about

'forgetting'. Some things people do to us are too big, too painful to totally remove from memory – but what we should try to do is let go of the resentment connected to it, otherwise that resentment will continue to wound us. *Forgiveness is the powerful assertion or decision that bad things will not ruin your today, even though they may have spoiled your past.* (Jean Maalouf)

Diary Dates

20 Mar:	Diocesan U15 Rugby League – Tamworth
24 Mar:	Reconciliation
24 Mar:	Warraymalaya Retreat
24 Mar:	Association Wine and Cheese Night
26 Mar:	Diocesan Touch – Inverell
1 April:	Round 1 Enrolments close
2 April:	Term 1 concludes
3 April:	Good Friday
20 April:	Pupil Free Day
21 April:	Term 2 commences for students
21 April:	Board & Association Meetings
1 May:	Diocesan Tennis, Cross Country & Golf
4 May:	CCC Swimming
8 May:	Diocesan Basketball – Tamworth
12-14 May:	NAPLAN

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Open Day

The McCarthy Catholic College Open Day was a wonderful success with many members of our community showcasing the terrific facilities and learning opportunities at the Tribe Street campus. I am deeply indebted to the generous staff who offered displays and expert commentary on the course work possibilities available throughout Stages 4, 5 and 6. The College Bands were similarly impressive as they paraded their ever expanding repertoire of classical, jazz and pop melodies. The senior students were an outstanding advertisement as they personally escorted family groups around the classroom displays. Their informed ability to articulate the daily rhythm of learning at McCarthy was affirmed with much enthusiasm by the visiting families. It was a wonderful day to be a part of this vibrant community.

While speaking of Open Day, please be reminded if you are expecting a sibling to be enrolled at McCarthy in 2016 that Round 1 enrolments close on Wednesday April 1. A simple summary of priority for enrolment appears below –

1. Catholic students attending a Catholic School who regularly attend Mass
2. Catholic students who reside outside a feeder parish and/or without a Catholic Secondary school
3. Siblings of students already attending McCarthy Catholic College
4. Students who are not in one of the categories listed above and whose parents express a genuine desire for their children to have a Catholic education and are committed to support the principles and values of the Catholic school.

While the students are our best advertisement, 'word-of-mouth' is also a powerful means of attracting new Catholic families to our community. I encourage you to share with your friends your knowledge and experience of your time at McCarthy in order to assist in continuing the quality of this great community.

Enrolment packs can be acquired through Administration during office hours.

Farewell

It is with sadness that we will farewell Monsignor Wilkes at the end of the term as he moves to take up his new position as Vicar General of the Armidale Diocese and Parish Priest at Uralla. In congratulating Monsignor on his appointment, we have mixed feelings as we lose his quiet leadership of our faith community. The cyclical year level Masses are a continuing example of his initiative to immerse young people in the Eucharist on a regular basis. Similarly, the beautiful ciborium, paten and communion bowl donated to McCarthy by Monsignor Wilkes will be a lasting commemoration of his time in our community.

Board AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the McCarthy Board was held on Tuesday. The following office bearers were elected:

Chairperson:	Mr Adam Green
Secretary:	Mrs Laura Hughes
Association Representative:	Mrs Carol Reed
Staff Representative:	Mrs Kate Sullivan

Mrs Vicki Cooper has retired from the Board and we thank her for six years of service. Mr Shaun O'Sullivan will replace her as an elected member of the Board.

I commend the following pages to you as a wonderful record of the events of the past few weeks. From Swimming Champions, Tamworth Show winners and Rodeo Champions to name but a few, McCarthy students have achieved some excellent accomplishments during this term of which we are immensely proud.

May your God go with you.

Mr Geoff McManus – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Liturgy

The year group Masses continue each week. We will finish the term with the sacrament of Reconciliation being made available to all students and staff during Week 9. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the priests who have made the celebration of the Sacraments available to our students.

Vinnies

The St Agnes Conference are in the process of organising the annual Easter Raffle and are requesting donations of Easter eggs and soft toys. A selection of these will be raffled and others will be bundled up into small packages to be taken and distributed to children in Ward 9 at the Hospital. The students are also planning a Pauper's Banquet aimed at raising awareness about global inequality in the distribution of resources such as food.

Religious Education

Students in all RE classes have completed their first round of assessment tasks. This year in tasks we are aiming to increase students' knowledge about the Catholic faith, what it means to be Catholic and the message of the Gospels.

Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinator

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

This week the 'Theme of the Week' is safety and mentors have been leading discussions with their respective groups related to this issue. I would just like to take the opportunity to remind all students of their responsibility to act in a safe manner - and to encourage others to do the same. This includes travel to school, whether it be by bus, car or walking.

I congratulate Mrs Kate Godden, Mr Tim Godden, Mr Dane Kelly and Miss Fran Mumford who have all had their BOSTES Teacher's Institute submissions approved. The submission articulates their professional understanding and practice - and involves considerable preparation.

Mrs Sally Sparke – Assistant Principal

PASTORAL CARE

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go to Caitlyn and Chelsea Todd, Amelia and Sebastian O'Sullivan, Jacob Shanley and Georgia Taylor following the passing of their grandmothers.

Cybersmart Outreach

Staff, students and parents were fortunate enough to take part in a Cybersmart Outreach presentation this week. A range of issues were discussed including ways children use the internet and emerging technologies, potential risks for children online and tips for children to stay safe online. Overall, the presentation was very productive and informative for those who attended.

Theme for the Week

All students were encouraged during Week 6 to think about "Courtesy in the Classroom". Getting along is a key to success. Students getting along with peers and teachers in the class room, reduces stress and distractions, and maximises learning.

In Week 7 we celebrated "Catholic Schools' Week" and what it means to receive an education in a Catholic school.

Mrs Libby Molony – Pastoral Care Coordinator

PARENT INFORMATION

McCarthy Association Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the McCarthy Association was held on Tuesday. The following office bearers were elected:

President: Mrs Megan Jameson
 Vice Presidents: Mr Ken Macpherson and Mrs Jacqueline Fulwood
 Secretary: Mrs Carol Reed
 Treasurer: Mrs Laura Hughes
 Board Representative: Mrs Carol Reed

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. The ticket books are available at the office for students to collect.

Attention Business Owners: Can you help us promote our Camper Trailer Raffle and sell tickets? We will provide an A4 coloured flyer in a perspex counter stand, a money tin and raffle ticket books. Please contact Louise Henry at henlou@bigpond.com

Wine and Cheese Night

You are invited to attend the McCarthy Association Wine and Cheese Night on 24 March. Please see flyer attached.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Assessments

All students now have a copy of their Assessment Procedures and Schedules for the year. Over the past weeks Mentor Group time has been used to ensure students understand the procedures relating to assessment. This information has been presented by me so that all students have received the same message. The booklets provide an overview of assessment task due dates. The actual day a task is due is written on the actual assessment task notification form that the students receive from their class teacher.

It has been reinforced that at McCarthy, we consider assessment to be important. Our Assessment Policy follows the BOSTES principles of all students being treated fairly. 'Unfair Advantage' is a term used by the Board to describe situations where all students have not had the same opportunity to do well.

Students have been reminded that assessment tasks are to be submitted to the library by 9.00am on the due date if it is a hand-in task. They must arrive at school on time for all in class tasks.

If your child is unwell on the day an assessment is due, then a telephone call from you is expected to the office, followed by the presentation of a Medical Certificate and an Application for Extension of or Special Consideration for an Assessment Task (or 'Blue Form') completed on their return.

A student cannot arrive late to school just prior to an assessment task and sit for the task or submit an assessment task after 9.00am as we cannot guarantee that extra work or study has not occurred, which offers an unfair advantage over other students.

Staying home the day before an assessment is due could also mean a deduction in marks for the task if no evidence of a valid reason for absence is provided.

There are times when a student knows about their absence in advance. In this instance, the Blue Form must be completed and submitted to the office with modified due dates determined prior to the absence.

The Assessment Booklets have this information along with the schedules and examination periods for each subject. Family vacations, sporting try-outs, music festivals and such should be discouraged during the Examination period.

All schedules are available on our MOODLE site. You can access this by clicking on the 'Parent' section, logging on with the username 'parent' and password 'parent' and clicking on 'Assessment Procedures and Schedules'. This is convenient if your child misplaces their copy.

Ms Suzanne Day – Teaching and Learning Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Defence Force Talk



Last week approximately thirty interested students attended a presentation by three members of the Defence Force at lunchtime. Students were informed of over three hundred interesting jobs in the Army, Navy and Air Force with different entry requirements. They were encouraged to become actively involved in school and community activities as examples of commitment and leadership to increase their chances of a successful application. Entry is becoming increasingly competitive and students need to be striving to do their best in subjects eg English, Maths and Science. More information can be found at: www.defencejobs.gov.au

Careers in Mining, the Horse Industries, Hospitality and Food Industries

In recent weeks I have visited a range of different employers to discuss jobs in their industries, the qualifications needed and what students need to know. These included visits

with other Careers Advisors from schools in Tamworth, Gunnedah, Walcha, Glen Innes and Inverell to:

- Bloomfield Mines (employing over 500 people on two sites).
- Arrowfield Horse Stud which employs over 50 staff and Scone TAFE which offers a range of Equine courses leading to jobs in racing, studs and animal care from farriers to breeders.
- A wine processing facility that can bottle 7000 bottles of wine an hour and look for employees with forklift licenses and also the right "people" skills to work in the hospitality and sales side of the business.
- A cheese making factory where the Master Cheese maker spoke about how he was looking for a trade that was a bit different from the usual and that he needed to study at both TAFE and university level.
- Teys Australia in Tamworth which employs over 500 people ranging from those in the packing and processing of meat to nurses, groundsman, office and laundry staff. They talked about a new initiative for local students gaining qualifications and working them.



At the mine we were given a presentation on the range of jobs available and the process involved in reducing the 1,100 applicants for apprenticeships in 2014 to the five who were successful over the July-December period. I will be sharing their tips for successful applications for jobs at a lunchtime talk early next term.

Rotary Aviation Careers Expo

The Rotary Club of Tamworth West is again conducting a Rotary Aviation Careers Expo (RACE) at Tamworth Regional Airport aimed at school students in Years 9-11 commencing at 4.00pm on Sunday, 31 May and concluding at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 2 June 2015. The Expo will cover a wide range of the careers available in the Aviation industry but there will not be any flying, and they will not cover cabin crew careers. For more details on how to apply students are asked to see me. Interested students can also access a YouTube video that will give them some insight as to what they can expect at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hae2QkCqgCo>.

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

ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

Clean Up Australia

On Sunday March 1, a small, but enthusiastic group of students and teachers embarked on the streets of North Tamworth in the annual Clean Up Australia event. Students collected rubbish from drains, parks and roadside curbs. The school Environment Council coordinated the event and the rubbish collected was left for Tamworth Regional waste collection services. Thank you to Mrs Jane Burt and Mrs Tracey Bradbery for assisting the students.



Environment Council

The Environment Council meets every Day 10 at lunch in A3 and we welcome more members from all Year groups. Our focus is to promote environmental awareness around the school and support local, national and global initiatives in promoting sustainability and a better world.

Office bearers for 2015 are:

Administrator: Lauren Challens
 Secretaries: Madeline Davidson and Kaitlin Abra
 Publicity Officers: Sophie Heeney and Juliana Bruno.

A big focus is to promote paper recycling in the classrooms. Each Tuesday Challenge Services collect our paper and cardboard waste for their recycling services.

Mrs Sharon Stuart

MUSIC



HSC Music Workshops

On 5 and 6 March, Year 11 Music 1 students attended the HSC Music Workshops at Armidale Conservatorium of Music. Students participated in Group Performance sessions, Exam Techniques for Musicology and Aural Tutorials, Techniques for Confidence in Sight Singing sessions as well as Individual Tutorials. Students participated in Renaissance Dance sessions and had the opportunity to speak with HSC markers, as well as attend composition tutorials lead by the Valla based Choral composer, conductor and performer, Paul Jarman. Students found these workshops to be of great benefit, especially with their preparation for the HSC. Congratulations to our students who participated in the workshops.

Mrs Suzanne Perfrement – Music Teacher



Crescendo Showcase Concert

On Saturday night McCarthy was well represented at the Crescendo Showcase Concert at Wests Leagues Club. This concert showcased hand-picked musicians from around the Tamworth region. Congratulations to Lara Northey (2013), Lanna Collins (Year 7) for singing solos, Mrs Godden singing backing vocals and Mrs Lane, Mikayla Thompson, Jack Lange, Jeffrey Wong, Jessica Higgins, Augustine Mundele-Turner and Emily Thompson (Concertmaster) in the Orchestra.

AGRICULTURE

Congratulations to Alex Watt and Tyler Smith who have both been successful in their Zone Finals and have been selected to compete at State level in Beef Cattle Handlers. We wish them all the best for their Final which is being held at the Royal Easter Show in the coming weeks. Well done girls.

SHOW

The TAS Department has had great success at this year's Annual Tamworth Show with entries in the Pavilion sections of Junior Cooking and Junior Handicrafts.

Year 9 and 10 Food Technology classes entered Banana Bread, Selection of Biscuits as a Gift and Four Patty Cakes Iced with the following prizes being awarded:

Sophie Pennell:	first place Selection of Biscuits as a Gift
Chloe Devine:	second place Selection of Biscuits as a Gift
Ryan Wood:	third place Selection of Biscuits as a Gift
Georgia Curtis:	first place Four Patty Cakes Iced, Most Successful Junior Cooking Exhibitor
Madeleine Gale:	second place Four Patty Cakes Iced
Chloe Melville:	third place Four Patty Cakes Iced
Molly Johns:	Special Award Junior Cooking
Rebecca Muller:	first place Banana Bread
Toby Climpson:	second place Banana Bread
Erica Pagdilao:	third place Banana Bread
Millie O'Sullivan:	Highly Commended Banana Bread
Natasha Favaloro:	Highly Commended Banana Bread



Two Year 8 students also entered their hand sewn Monsters from last year's Technology class with the following prizes being awarded:

Libby Painter:	first place Junior Handicrafts Any Article
Kate Murphy:	Special Prize Junior Handicrafts Any Article.

SPORT

All Schools' Water Polo

Jayden Gimbergh travelled to Homebush on 1 March as part of the NSWCCC Boys' Under 17 squad and was selected in the first team. On 7 and 8 March he returned for training and on Monday 9 March competed against CHS and CIS No 1 and 2 teams. CHS1 won the championships with the NSWCCC1 team finishing fourth.

Abby Rae returned to Homebush on 2 March to play water polo for NSWCCC Under 17s team at NSW All Schools. Although not selected for All Schools her team won and drew a game.

Jayden Gimbergh played for Tamworth Under 16s in water polo at the State championships in Canberra in January 2015. He was the only country boy selected for the NSW Blues 16s and will compete in Queensland on 1 to 12 July in the Australian championships.

NSWCCC Tennis

Darcie Martin competed at Parramatta on 2 March for selection in the NSWCCC Tennis team to play at the NSW All Schools. A large number of students participated in the trials and, unfortunately, Darcie was not selected in the final eight this year.

Diocesan Swimming

The following students travelled to Moree on 12 March to compete in the Diocesan Swimming Carnival: Owen Bennett, Lyndell Boschma, Josie Chick, Kane Clinch, Benjamin Fox, Edward George, Eleanor George, Jayden Gimbergh, Annie Hobson, Molly Johns, Billie Mitchell, Jake Mitchell, Corban Newman, Claire O'Neill, Doughal O'Reilly, Tarryn Rizzi, Zac Rizzi, Mikaela Short, Amelia Summers, Eloise Turner and Benjamin Wallace.

Congratulations to the following students who were Age Champions:

Mikaela Short:	12 Years Girls
Eloise Turner:	13 Years Girls
Jayden Gimbergh:	16 Years Boys
Tarryn Rizzi:	17+ Years Girls

The following students qualified to participate at NSWCCC Swimming Championships at Homebush on 4 May:

Lyndell Boschma, Josie Chick, Benjamin Fox, Edward George, Jayden Gimbergh, Annie Hobson, Molly Johns, Jake Mitchell, Tarryn Rizzi, Zac Rizzi, Mikaela Short, Amelia Summers, Eloise Turner and Benjamin Wallace.

Ron George Shield Cricket

On Monday 16 March, McCarthy played Calrossy in the semi-final of the Ron George Shield. McCarthy batted first scoring 5/143 with Jye Paterson (47), Jack Hannaford (38) and Cameron Clout (30) all scoring well. McCarthy bowled Calrossy out for 62 with Alex Cook taking 3/22, Jye Paterson 2/1 and Lachlan Glasson 2/6. Thank you to Kuzi Jaravani, Joseph Doherty and Ryan Baker for filling in at the last moment.

We wish the boys all the best in the final next Monday afternoon against Farrer at No: 1 Oval.

NSWCCC Cricket

Jye Paterson travelled to Auburn on 2 and 3 March as a member of the NSWCCC Under 15s Cricket team, for selection in the NSW squad. He was selected in the squad of twenty-three and will return to Auburn on 30 March where the NSW All Schools' team will be selected. If chosen, Jye will travel to Darwin in June to play for NSW in the National finals.



Equestrian Team

On 6 March, twenty-one students from Years 7 to 11 participated in the annual Moonbi Public School Horse Sports.

Melanie Young and Joshua Turner (Year 8) were awarded highest point score for the 13 years' age group. McCarthy narrowly missed the secondary school highest point score.

Mrs Julie Kellahan – Equestrian Coordinator

AFL

Recently the McCarthy U16s played in the annual Swans Cup at Farrer. The team consisted of mainly Year 10 boys who showed good skills in the sport. Two games were played, with the first against Oxley High School where McCarthy was successful. The second game was highly contested against Farrer who were the stronger team on the day.

In attendance were two Sydney Swans players, Sam Naismith and Jake Lloyd, who were impressed with the level of skills demonstrated by the players.

Mrs Sharon Stuart – AFL Coach



Rodeo

Nick Penrose qualified in the senior team with the Australian National High School Rodeo Association to compete at the World Titles of the National High School Rodeo Association. Nick will be competing in July in Wyoming, USA over seven days of competition.

Anna Crisp qualified for the Junior Australian Team and will compete in the USA in July in Des Moines, Iowa. Anna qualified for two different events, including Breakaway Roping.



BMX

On 7 and 8 March, Daniel Morris competed in the ACT Open BMX Championships in Canberra. Daniel competed in the 14+ Pro Class, the 17-24 year old Men's Cruiser Class, and the A-Pro Men's Class. Daniel was unable to find a way into the semi-finals of the 14+ Pro Class after coming together with another rider during the race. In the 17-24 Men's Cruiser, Daniel was able to back up last year's efforts and win his third consecutive number 1 title for the event. Finally in the A-Pro Class, Daniel made it through to the final where he rode to his first ever pro podium finish, coming in third.

Daniel will be competing in the National Racing Junior Elite Titles in Brisbane at the end of this term. We wish him all the best.

Swimming

Mikaela Short competed at the 2015 NSW Speedo Sprints Series Finals on 8 March at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. She won gold medals in the 50m freestyle, backstroke and butterfly events.



**You are invited to attend
the McCarthy Association
Wine and Cheese Night**

- When:** Tuesday 24th March 2015
- Where:** Staff room - directions at the front of school
- Time:** 6.30pm for 7.00pm - 8.00pm
- RSVP** Monday 23th March 2015
 By email to admin@mccarthy.
 Or phone 6761 0800
 Or drop the slip below to the office

As the Parent body of McCarthy, the Association welcomes you to our first social night for 2015. It's the first opportunity for all new parents to McCarthy to meet and say 'hello' and for you to get to know who the committee is. It's always comforting to recognise a face either at school, or doing the groceries!

Over a glass of wine or juice, you can find out what the Association is all about and the calendar of events for 2015.

We hope you can join us.

Please note: This is a parent only social function

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**Yes I will be attending the McCarthy Association Wine and Cheese night on
Tuesday 24th March 2015.**

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Contact number: _____