

Newsletter



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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer

Dear Lord,
 Help us this week to find a deeper sense of how you call us to bring about the healing and sanctification of the world.
 Deepen our hope.
 Shield us from despair and the thinking that what we do may not really matter.
 Give us a deep sense that you are present with us here in this vineyard.
 Let us sense your presence as we undertake the simple and even repetitive tasks of each day.
 Let us remember that each word, each moment of care for another is precious in your great divine tapestry of redemption.
 Amen

Reflection

Against the current backdrop of very critical and serious issues which challenge our call to discipleship; (the execution of Ethiopian Christians and the destruction of churches and cemeteries by Islamic terrorists in Libya, the death of approximately 700 migrants in the Mediterranean) it is difficult to not lose hope and fall into despair. In the prayer above we are reminded of the importance of focusing on the seemingly small concerns of our everyday lives as a means of strengthen our hope and optimism. In this Easter season we should face the challenges around us with renewed hope in our risen Lord and renew our faith and trust in Him who has conquered death and sin.

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Welcome Back to Term 2

I extend a warm welcome back to all families as we begin another busy term at McCarthy Catholic College. I trust that the Easter holidays were a safe, happy and holy experience with your family and friends.

The teachers have been continuing to enhance their skills in the classroom through intensive professional development on Monday 20 April. The staff engaged in further Tactical Teaching training that specifically focussed on improving student's thinking skills. As well, an intensive study of student outcome data continued using the National School Improvement Tool (NSIT) as a lens to determine our position on the NSIT (Continuum 2 – Analysis and Discussion of Data) to guide focus for future intervention initiatives and programs.

Welcome to Father Joe Adriano

As you would be aware Monsignor Wilkes has now moved from St Nicholas parish to Uralla to take up his new role as Vicar General for the Armidale Diocese. We wish him well in his new role. We are excited to welcome new parish priest - Father Joe Adriano to Tamworth and particularly eager to make Father Joe feel welcome in this wonderful community at McCarthy. He has already made a strong impression on the students with his personable touch and interesting homilies told during the Year level masses for Year 11 and 12 in Weeks 1 and 2.

Prayers for Staff

Please keep Mrs Suzanne Perfrement in your prayers. She was diagnosed with a brain tumour during the holidays and has already undertaken two major operations to remove it. Mrs Penny Crowley also continues to battle cancer and we pray that they both receive expert medical attention and the ongoing love and care of their families and the supportive spirit of the McCarthy community.

ANZAC Day

I publically commend the outstanding roll-up of students and staff at the local ANZAC services that commemorated the 100 years centenary of the ANZAC tradition. The number of McCarthy uniforms at the Dawn Service, Mass at St Nicholas, Marches in Tamworth, Manilla, Quirindi, Nundle and Kootingal was very impressive and one of the largest roll-ups in recent memory. Thank you to everyone who supported such an important and memorable day in our nation's story.

Building Update

The Music Centre construction is moving ever closer to completion. My most recent notification would suggest that we could begin moving in early next term. As we reach the final couple of months some works have implications for the normal running of school. As some families have been made aware the service road is closed until



Diary Dates

1 May:	Diocesan Tennis, Cross Country & Golf
1 May:	UNE Open Day
1 May:	First Friday Mass
4 May:	CCC Swimming
5 May:	Bill Turner Cup
7 May:	School Social 6.30pm – 9.00pm
7 May:	Diocesan Basketball – Tamworth
12-14 May:	NAPLAN
15 May:	Year 8 Maths Day – UNE
19 May:	ICAS Digital Technologies
19 May:	Board & Association Meetings
19 May:	Ask the Careers Adviser Evening 6pm
20 May:	Careers Expo
20 May:	Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4pm
21 May:	7/8 Girls' Netball Carnival - Tamworth
25 May:	Years 7 & 11 Half-Yearly Exams
27 May:	CCC Hockey – Grafton
29 May:	NW Equestrian Expo - Coonabarabran
29 May:	St Nicholas' Deb Ball
1 June:	Years 8, 9, 10 Exams commence

at least Week 3 due to the construction of a walkway that provides access across the service road and into the new entrance, foyer and carpark space. I thank you for your patience as we finalise our marvellous new facility. At this stage, we are considering an opening ceremony in late August. I will keep you informed in future newsletters.

Furthermore, all of the teaching staff are now relocated into the refurbished staff work area and offices for pastoral staff. This purpose-built facility is designed to enhance collaboration and allow more effective access for students to seek pastoral support and counselling.

Winter Uniform

Please note that the change-over date from Summer to Winter uniform will be next week the beginning of Week 3 (May 4). Full details can be downloaded from the website. Hats are a compulsory requirement for all outside play activities all year round.

Round 1 – Enrolment Interviews

Round 1 applications for enrolment in 2016 have now closed. Families will now be contacted for interview in the early weeks of Term 2. For those families wishing to apply for the second and final round, applications close on Wednesday 24 June.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with a Disability

As outlined in the letter given to students this week from Mr Chris Smyth, McCarthy will be complying with the Commonwealth Government directive to collect data on students with a disability in accordance with the Disability Standards. This will take place later this term. Parents not wanting their child recorded for the data collection must contact the school prior to the data collection date, Friday 12 June.

May your God go with you.

Mr Geoff McManus – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Liturgy

This term we welcome Father Jose S. Adriano to both the parish of St Nicholas' and to McCarthy. Fr Joe celebrated the first of the Year group masses at McCarthy on Tuesday of Week 1 and was warmly received by the students of Year 12 and again by Year 11 this week. We look forward to working with Father Joe on our Liturgy program for the remainder of the year.

Vinnies

At the first meeting this term the students of St Agnes Conference began discussions about awareness raising and fund raising activities for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal which will begin later this term. As part of the wider St Vincent de Paul Society, this is the first major focus for our conference for 2015.

RE

In Religious Education classes students have started a new round of topics; Year 7 are looking at the Sacred Scriptures with a focus on the three major themes which run through the Scriptures; covenant, revelation and salvation. Year 8 are exploring the challenge of Living the Christian Life and are focussing their attention on the call to discipleship. In Year 9, classes are studying the two major Christian moral codes, the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes and Year 10 are delving into Church history and how the Church has responded to change in the course of its history. All students would benefit from engaging in discussion at home with parents on what they are learning. Consequently, I would like to encourage parents to quiz their children about their work in RE.

Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinator

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thank you to all who represented McCarthy with pride during the ANZAC Day celebrations as acknowledged by Mr McManus. Your service to the school community will be recognised with House points.

Congratulations to Mr Damian Kenniff who has had his BOSTES Teacher's Institute submission approved. The submission articulates professional understanding and practice - and involves considerable preparation.

Mrs Sally Sparke – Assistant Principal

PASTORAL CARE

Welcome

We would like to welcome Zoe-Marie West (Year 11), Christian (Year 10) and Jenny Baldoza (Year 11) and their families to the McCarthy community.

Congratulations

We congratulate the family of Emmalene and Adelaide Tinson on the safe arrival of their baby sister, Arabella Daisy.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go to Joel Parry and Darcy Flynn following the passing of their grandmothers. The McCarthy community extends its heartfelt condolences to the Rindo family following the passing of Adrianna.

Year 7 Excursion

Last week Year 7 students received a note regarding the Outdoor Education Excursion to Morisset from 3 – 5 June. Completed notes and payment are due Friday 8 May. Please contact myself or Miss Leanne Sjollesma if you have any concerns regarding the excursion.

Mrs Libby Molony – Pastoral Care Coordinator

PARENT INFORMATION

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday 19 May at 7.15pm. Everyone is most welcome.

Family Fund Appeal – Pie Drive Fundraiser

Pie Drive order forms have been distributed to students. Spare forms are available at the office. Closing date for the orders is **Friday, 5 June** to the school office. Cheques to be made out to McCarthy Catholic College in an envelope marked "Attention Pie Fundraiser". Pies are to be collected on **Friday, 12 June** from N Block (the demountable situated in the bottom carpark). Contact Lynda Dehm on 0411287090 for further information.



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. The funds raised will be used to benefit ALL students at the school. Click on the link:

https://learning.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au/pluginfile.php/10768/mod_resource/content/1/Camper%20Trailer%20Raffle.pdf

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

TEACHING AND LEARNING

NAPLAN

This term will be very busy due to examinations and reporting for all years.

All Year 7 and Year 9 students will participate in NAPLAN testing on Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May.

This program tests language conventions, including spelling, writing, reading and numeracy. These tests are marked externally and families receive a report of their child's progress in September.

Our school believes the best preparation for these tests is effective teaching in the classroom, teaching literacy and numeracy skills in the context of their normal curriculum.

Participation in these tests is a national priority, with the set days and times organised by Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) and cannot be changed to meet individual circumstances. We advise parents not to make other appointments for your child during these three days. There will only be limited opportunity to make up a missed test.

A letter will be sent home in the coming week providing further information on NAPLAN.

Half-Yearly Examinations

Half-yearly examinations will be held in Weeks 6 and 7 for Years 7 through to 11. Students are encouraged to fully utilise class time to ensure maximum learning takes place. Using their school planner will enable students to complete all necessary tasks and it means that they will not have to remember their homework as it is written down. This should free up memory space – so there is more room for remembering facts!

After a couple of weeks without any homework, some students may find it difficult to return to a regular nightly homework pattern. Success in the mid-year examinations will directly depend on the effort put in at home.

Ms Suzanne Day – Teaching and Learning Coordinator

CAREERS

Term 2 has started with a series of events in place:

- 1 May: UNE Open Day
- 19 May: Ask the Careers Adviser Information Evening
- 20 May: Tamworth Careers Expo at TRECC
- 25 June: University of Newcastle Open Day

As well, there will be lunchtime talks and guest speakers from various organisations held throughout the term.

Ask the Careers Adviser – Information Evening Tuesday 19 May 6.00pm – 7.00pm

On Tuesday 19 May, there will be an opportunity for interested parents and guardians in our school community to attend to receive information, resources and to ask questions about their child's future in terms of careers and options after school.

- ATAR? TVET? School based apprenticeships? Subjects? Work Experience?
- What can you do to help your child?
- What are the services available at the school to help your child in terms of career education?
- How soon should you start to investigate options, look at possibilities and consider career and subject choices?

There will be some general information provided and also an opportunity to ask questions. (See attached flyer.) Please RSVP to assist with both provision of resources and seating plus you may choose to let me know your questions, or the topics you would like discussed.

The McCarthy Association meeting will be held after the conclusion of this meeting.

My Day - Nursing and Paramedics at Bathurst

Last week two Year 11 students, Meg Deasy and Prue Davies, attended the Nursing and Paramedics day at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst. Both found the experience very rewarding, informative and practical. They found this opportunity through the CareersAlert email service available for senior students and their parents to subscribe to via the school's Careers Page. Information on events such as these are also emailed to students who have registered with JobJump. Please go to

<http://www.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au/careers/>. Both of these services will be among many things mentioned at the Ask the Careers Adviser Information Evening.

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

LIBRARY NEWS



As well as having many students who are keen readers, we also have a number of staff who love to read whenever they get the chance. Many attended a special morning tea in the library to get some holiday reading in the last week of Term 1.

It is pleasing to see how many staff and students are not only borrowing but also looking at the library displays which recently focussed on ANZAC Day. We have a new initiative of a Book of the Week which is on display and mentioned in the daily notices.

We welcome back Mrs Kay Wieland to the Library and Bookroom this term and thank Mr Marco Cox for assisting in these areas in Term 1.

Mrs Cheryl Gulliford and Mrs Susan Barrett – Teacher Librarians

HSIE ELECTIVE HISTORY

Nine students from Year 10 Elective History class received certificates of appreciation from the Mayor, Mr Col Murray, at Ray Walsh House last Thursday evening for their contribution to the Tamworth Film and Sound Archives research project, "The Soldiers in the Slides".

The students, Katherine Sleiman, Jack Croake, Connor Robinson, Harper Galvin, Josephine Hughes, Penelope Donald, Nicola Irwin, Alexandra Reed and Emerson Ring, researched individual soldiers from the local area whose photos had been discovered during the refurbishment of the Tamworth RSL Club.

The research occurred over many months and included meetings and interviews with several family members of the soldiers.

A ceremony launching the DVD which included the research of the McCarthy students as well as other local families was launched on the night. Year 11 students Sarah Pannowitz and Georgia Barnes also contributed to the DVD with information on their own family members whose photos were included in the slides. The effort and enthusiasm of these students was commended and very much appreciated by the members of the Film and Sound Archive.



Miss Melissa Davis – History teacher

SPORT

Term 2

Welcome back to another busy term for Sport at McCarthy.

There are a number of important sporting events this term:

- Diocesan Cross Country, Tennis and Golf in Gunnedah (May 1)
- NSWCCC Swimming Championships in Homebush (May 4)
- Diocesan Junior Basketball Selections in Tamworth (May 7)
- NSWCCC Individual Netball Selections (May 5, 6)
- Diocesan Soccer in Inverell (May 18)
- Under 13 and Under 15 Country Cup Rugby League in Tamworth (May 20)
- Netball NSW Years 7/8 Schools Cup Qualifying Tournament in Tamworth (May 21)
- NSWCCC Individual Basketball Selection Trials in Penrith (May 25)
- NSWCCC Football Championships in Blacktown (May 25, 26)
- NSWCCC Hockey Championships in Grafton (May 28, 29)
- Diocesan Cochrane Cup Rugby League and Netball in Armidale (June 4)
- McCarthy Catholic College Athletics Carnival (June 10)
- NSWCCC Cross Country Championships in Eastern Creek (June 12)
- NSWCCC Touch Championships in Port Macquarie (June 16)
- NSWCCC Knockout Football (various dates)
- Bill Turner Trophy Football (various dates)
- Friday Night Rugby Union (commencing 8 May)

I encourage all parents and students to continually check the NSWCCC website for any upcoming sporting events. If you wish to nominate your child an "Expression of Interest" must be completed online. It is important that these are completed by the due date, as no late entries will be accepted by NSWCCC, especially those students who have been selected from any Diocesan trials to compete at NSWCCC Championships (such as Touch Football). All relevant information for each sport, including closing dates, can be found under "Sport Specific Information" on each Sport's section of the NSWCCC website.

Please note the following McCarthy Sport guidelines:

- Please encourage your child to listen to Daily Notices in the morning during Mentor Group, and to check the Sports Noticeboard outside J Block, for any sport information or meetings.
- Ensure that permission notes and money are returned to the McCarthy office by the due date. Notes and money will not be accepted after the due date unless myself or the school office has been contacted prior to the due date and approval given.
- Students are to be in full McCarthy Catholic College Sports Uniform when travelling to and from any competition in which they have been entered, as well as wear the required coloured uniform (eg navy shorts/tights, McCarthy football socks) when competing. Any students who are out of uniform will not be allowed to compete, will be refunded their money (if applicable), and will stay at school / be transported back to school to attend classes.

I thank you for your continuing support of Sport at the College.

Mr Matt Feltrin

Rugby League

On Wednesday 1 April, Mackenzie Ashcroft and Hunter Thompson travelled to Smithtown NSW for the Under 15 Northern Country Rugby League selection trials. Teams from the Lismore, Maitland-Newcastle and Armidale Diocese competed against each other to pick a side to travel to St Mary's in Penrith for the NSWCCC State Trials. Both players were unlucky to miss being selected in the Northern Country team, but will benefit from the experience.

Football

On Thursday 19 March, Tyla Endemi travelled to Bathurst for the Western NSWCCC Football Trials in Bathurst. Students from the Armidale Diocese trial with students from the Bathurst/Wilcannia-Forbes Dioceses for selection in the combined Western NSWCCC team. Tyla was selected in the team, and will now travel to Blacktown for NSWCCC Selections in May.

Hockey

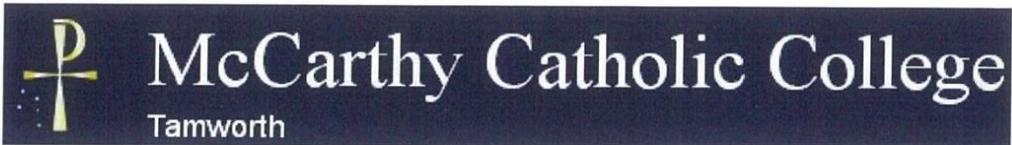
During the holidays, Harper Galvin travelled to Hobart with the New South Wales State Under 15 hockey team to contest the National Championships.

NSW State played Queensland¹, Victoria Blue and Western Australia Gold, winning two of the three opening matches. They then played NSW Blues and the Tasmanian team for a place in the semi-finals; winning both matches. In their semi-final against Victoria Blue, Harper scored two of the NSW seven goals which then put them into the final against Western Australia Gold. Unfortunately, NSW were beaten 5-1 in a closer game than the score line suggests; giving them a silver medal.

National Cutting Horse Championships

In the holidays, Matilda Shumack, Jasmine Shumack, Stacie Welk and Natasha Rapley qualified to compete at the National Cutting Horse finals at the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre (AELEC) in Tamworth.

Jasmine won the Junior Youth title and the National Finals show. Stacie won the Senior Youth National title and placed second at the show. Stacie will now go on to compete in America.



Ask the Careers Adviser..

For Parents and Guardians of all McCarthy students

What careers services does McCarthy offer?

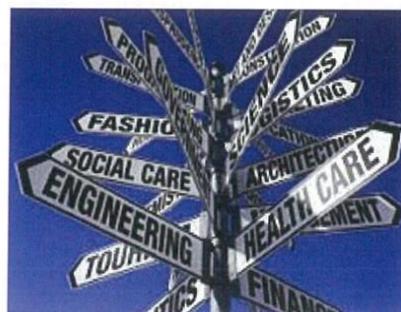
Who can do work experience and when?

What can I do to help if my child doesn't know what they want to do?

What can I do to assist my child to:

- successfully get into university?
- successfully gain an apprenticeship or traineeship?
- choose the subjects they need for the HSC?

On Tuesday 19 May, McCarthy Careers Adviser Mrs Susan Barrett will give a presentation and answer questions starting at 6pm in the McCarthy staffroom before the McCarthy Association meeting begins at 7pm.



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RSVP: Please return this slip to the office by Friday 15 May or email your RSVP to : careers@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au

I will be attending the talk:

Name _____ Parent/guardian of _____ (Year __)

My question is (optional):



McCarthy Catholic College Family Fund Appeal
PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER
(Thompson Pies)



It's time to purchase your pies for winter and assist the school in the process

How: Complete attached order form and return with money to front office (Cheques, payable to McCarthy Catholic College).

- + Ask friends
- + families
- + work mates

Return order forms Friday 5 June 2015 to the school office and money: ("Attention Pie Fundraiser" on envelope)

Delivery Date: Friday 12 June 2015

Where: Pick up from McCarthy Catholic College, "N" Block (building in old car park)

All pies etc are made fresh, individually wrapped and delivered the morning of the 12 June 2015 in a refrigerated truck.

Why order: You will be assisting the Family Fund Appeal Committee to raise funds to assist families of the school. All funds distributed through Pastoral Care as needs arise.

If you are able to assist with this fundraiser, please contact Lynda or the office, as your assistance on the day will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance.

Contact numbers:

Lynda Dehm: 67671023

0411 287090

McCarthy Office: 67610800



PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

McCarthy Catholic College Family Fund Appeal
Raising funds for students within the school

and **Thompson Pies**

Over 48 years supplying fresh products in Newcastle, Hunter and Central Coast



Student Name:..... Mentor Group:..... Contact name & Mobile:.....

Name & Phone No.	Family Size Pie					Cakes and Slices							Gourmet Pies (Packs of 4 – 200gms)					\$ Total		
	Plain Meat \$7.30	Curry Pie \$8.00	Steak Pie \$8.00	Pepper Steak \$8.00	Momay Chicken & Veg \$9.00	Family Quiche \$9.30	Cream Lamination (x6) \$7.60	Family Apple pie \$7.60	Plain Lamination (x12) \$12.00	Family Apricot Pie \$7.60	Apple Pies (x4) \$8.20	Brownie slice (pkt 6) \$7.00	Potato Pie \$8.00	Sausage Roll Pkt 6 \$7.60	Pepper Steak \$11.00	Steak, Cheese & Bacon \$12.60	Curry \$11.00		Momay, Chicken & Veg \$11.00	Steak \$10.60
Total Order																				

Please return your ORDER and MONEY to the office by: Friday 5 June 2015

Mark to: McCarthy Catholic College "Attention Pie Fundraiser"

Delivery date: Friday 12 June 2015

Collection from: McCarthy Catholic College (N Block, bottom car park)

Collection times available (PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR PREFERENCE): 12.00-1.30pm 1.30- 3.30pm 3.30 -5.00pm or Contact 0411287090 for earlier time