

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer

The prayer this week is taken from the Collect for Sunday 7 June which marked the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

In my previous newsletter article I wrote at length about the two defining charisms that formed our wonderful school at McCarthy Catholic College over the years. The influence of the Dominican Sisters and the Christian Brothers is a distinct and palpable touchstone to our faith heritage. McCarthy Catholic College was formed as the result of the amalgamation of two schools - Our Lady of the Rosary College and McCarthy Senior High School, and many staff and parents can proudly attest to being proud graduates of these wonderful schools from our past. It is therefore of great importance that we maintain and celebrate that foundational heritage. Consequently, it is my great pleasure to announce the naming of the new learning space that is now in the final weeks of construction. In announcing the name I quote the text from Bishop Michael Kennedy's letter of approval -

*"Thank you for your letter seeking approval for the official name of the new learning space at McCarthy Catholic College. I note from the letter that you have followed a collaborative consultation process involving stakeholders to arrive at the selection of **Our Lady of the Rosary Cultural Centre**. I hereby approve of this selection for the new learning space and look forward to being able to attend the Official Opening and Blessing in early 2016."*

We are very excited at the prospect of utilising this wonderful new learning space. As a building that has been purposefully designed to support our burgeoning music program and cultural activities, the alignment with our historical origins will only enhance the future community profile of this state-of-the-art facility. While the official opening has had to be postponed until early 2016, we will be coordinating opportunities in Term 4 for current families to tour and appreciate the learning potential in these marvellous new classrooms and performance space.

I publically commend the staff and parents who took the consultation process seriously to produce such an iconic name that will stand the test of time long into the future. I particularly thank the Board members and the College Executive for their assistance and expertise in supporting the consultation process.

Don't Mess With Marriage – Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Australia

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have written a pastoral letter to all Australians to highlight not only the meaning of marriage but the implications in redefining marriage. In this letter the bishops wish to sensitively engage with the community in the current debate in Australia on marriage.

Every man, woman and child has great dignity and worth which can never be taken away. However, it is gravely unjust to legitimise the false assertion that there is nothing distinctive about a man and a woman, a father or a mother; to ignore the particular values that real marriage serves; to ignore the importance for children of having a mum and a dad, committed to them and to each other for the long haul.

Please give some time to reading and discussing the letter which can be downloaded at

<https://learning.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au/mod/resource/view.php?id=8014>

Most Rev Michael Kennedy DD – Bishop of Armidale

Thank you to Local Sponsors of the Camper Trailer Raffle

The Parent Association have been working very hard behind the scenes to provide funds to support the learning environment at McCarthy. Their most recent effort has centred on the sale of tickets for a wonderful, fully appointed camper trailer that is valued at over \$10,000. Students can collect tickets from the office to sell at home to family and friends and local businesses can contact the office for signage to sell tickets in their place of business.

Such a massive fundraiser is not possible without the generous support of local sponsors. Please support the business houses listed below as they have generously supported our fundraising efforts at the college. Thank you very much!

Diary Dates

12 June: Collection of Pies
 15 June: ICAS Writing
 15 June: Year 7 Vaccinations
 16 June: ICAS Spelling (Year 7)
 16 June: Tamworth Eisteddfod
 16 June: Board and Association Meetings
 17 June: School Photos
 17 June: Year 11 2016 Information Evening 6pm
 18 June: Diocesan Soccer – Inverell
 18 June: School Photos
 18 June: NSWCCC Open's Basketball
 23 June: Year 12 Twilight Retreat 5.30pm
 24 June: Whole School Mass
 24 June: Years 7/11 Parent/Teacher Interviews
 24 June: TVET Information Evening 6.30pm
 25 June: Newcastle Uni Open Day
 26 June: Term 2 concludes
 13 July: Term 3 commences
 14 July: Board & Association Meetings
 15 July: University Information Evening 7pm
 16 July: Jump Rope for Heart (Year 8)
 21 July: Years 8, 9, 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Boating Camping Fishing (BCF), Kingswood Store, Kez's Hair Design, Moonbi General Store, Ferry's Motor Trimmers, Peel Valley Tiles, North West Neurology, Northapp Appliances, Southern Steel, the Sheetmetal Specialists, Country Auctions and Plaza Shoe Repairs.

St Nicholas' Parish Catholic Debutante Ball

Congratulations to the committee on a wonderful evening at the Town Hall on Friday 29 May. The expert support and instruction that was provided for our wonderful young ladies and their debonair partners was clearly evident in the manner in which the students presented and conducted themselves. Congratulations also to the students themselves for their maturity and the quality of their dance and decorum. As a long standing tradition the St Nicholas Parish Catholic Debutante Ball is a worthy highlight on the Tamworth social calendar. Our deepest thanks go to Mrs Shirley Chandler and Mr Gus Comi for their work in preparing and teaching our students in the weeks preceding the Ball.

Round 2 Enrolment Applications

Round 1 applications for enrolment in 2016 have now closed. For those families wishing to apply for the second and final round, applications close on Wednesday 24 June. Interviews will take place early next term.

May your God go with you.

Mr Geoff McManus – Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Uniform

During enrolment interview, parents often comment on the way our reputation is enhanced by the presentation of students in their McCarthy school uniform. Our uniform, worn well, is a matter of great pride and all agree to uphold this in their enrolment contract. It is disappointing then to have to address matters of uniform compliance with increasing regularity. I urge all parents and students to support the college by wearing the uniform as outlined in the school planners.

In particular:

- McCarthy track pants are to be worn - not branded eg Adidas or Canterbury
- The McCarthy jersey is to be worn with the above track pants - not the school jumper
- Junior girls uniforms should be below the knee and worn with navy tights or long socks
- Ties are to be worn by all students as part of their full winter school uniform
- School shoes are to black, leather lace up shoes - canvas shoes are not acceptable

Uniform items can be obtained from Tuff'n'Tidy, or from Lowes. The second-hand Clothing Pool is open each Wednesday from 12.30pm – 1.30pm.

School Photos

School Photo day is Wednesday 17, Thursday 18 and Friday 19 June. All students have been issued with a MSP Photography envelope via Mentor Groups. Please take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Please do not seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose the correct money as no change is given.
- For all enquiries please feel free to contact MSP Photography 6772 3519, newengland@msp.com.au or www.msp.com.au

Mrs Sally Sparke – Assistant Principal

PARENT INFORMATION

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday 16 June at 7.15pm. Everyone is most welcome.

Family Fund Appeal – Pie Drive Fundraiser

Thank you to those parents and friends who have ordered pies. 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. **All raffle tickets that have been sold should be returned to school as soon as possible.** The student who has sold the highest number of raffle ticket books this term will be in the running for this Term's book seller prize as well as free lunch orders from the canteen for a week donated by Mrs Balderston. The funds raised will be used to benefit ALL students at the school.

PASTORAL CARE

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Luke Adams and his wife Sarah on the safe arrival of their second son, Patrick. Congratulations to Connor Robinson and his family following the birth of his sister, Georgie May Robinson.

Year 7 Vaccinations

The second round of vaccinations for Year 7 students will be on Monday 15 June. Students are to wear their sports uniform on this day and ensure they have an adequate breakfast.

Mrs Libby Molony – Pastoral Care Coordinator

CAREERS

Careers Education Lessons with Year 10

Last week I began visiting Year 10 Maths classes to give a presentation on exploring career options and choosing subjects for those intending to continue on to Year 11. There are two allocated lessons where students will:

- see a presentation
- have access to resources and advice
- be given an opportunity to explore some of the many careers resources that are available online, especially those available through the school's Careers page: www.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au/careers/

Each Year 10 student will receive a Year 10 2015 Careers Booklet with a yellow cover. This includes a tear-off back page for students to complete and return to their Maths teacher by the end of this term. These will then be given to me to help me in advising students when they seek assistance.

I will also make available a booklet with a green cover for students who are looking at careers in Science, Engineering, Computer Science, Economics and some health careers. It concerns choosing "enabling" subjects such as Mathematics and Chemistry.

For students intending to leave school at the end of the year and seek employment (eg apprenticeships and traineeships), there will be specific help given to them later next term.

Year 12

Thursday 25 June: Newcastle University Schools Open Day.

Wednesday 15 July: University Information Evening for Year 12 students intending on applying to university and their parents. Three universities will be attending: University of Wollongong, University of New England and Charles Sturt University. 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

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

TAS

TVET courses are TAFE delivered courses that offer training in a range of Vocational areas. An information evening for Year 10 parents and students who are interested in Vocational Learning Pathways for 2016 will be held on Wednesday 24 June in A1 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Students who are interested in school based apprenticeships or traineeships should also attend this evening. The aim of the information evening is to outline the school processes for Vocational subject selections and offer information about Vocational Training. All are most welcome. If you are unable to make it and would like further information, please contact Mrs Maxworthy.

Mrs Raelene Maxworthy – TAS Coordinator

ATSI



On 28 and 29 May, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (ATSI) and SLC representatives from Year 10 (girls and boys) attended a discussion at Tamworth Council for Reconciliation Week. The meeting was attended by multiple Aboriginal elders and Rotary Club seniors, as well as ATSI and non-ATSI students from other schools, to discuss racism and how people can combat it in order to reconcile as a community. The discussion explored the stories of several local community members and their perspectives of the issue of racism. These stories helped provoke thought and increase understanding of racism in Tamworth, specifically towards indigenous Australians. Both indigenous and non-indigenous members of the community attended to increased awareness of discrimination and portray both perspectives. Everyone contributed and received something out of the discussion.

It was a great opportunity and we hope to attend again.

Mrs Jodie Herden – Aboriginal Education Assistant

SPORT

Hockey

A successful time was had by all three McCarthy teams at the NSWCCC Hockey championships held in Grafton on 28 and 29 May. McCarthy was represented by an U16 girls' team, an Open girls' team and an U16 boys' team at the two day championships.

Under 16 Girls

A team effort saw McCarthy's Under 16 Girls Hockey team win gold in the U16 A Division title. Results in their preliminary games were as follows:

- defeated McAuley Catholic College, Grafton 2-1 (Claire Annis-Brown, Libbi Maher);
- lost to St Mary Star of the Sea College, Wollongong 1-3 (Katie Wood);
- defeated Trinity Catholic College, Goulburn 7-0 (Claire Annis-Brown 2, Ashleigh Horniman 2, Isabelle Ambrose, Millah Green, Billie Mitchell);
- defeated Xavier Catholic College, Skennars Head 1-0 (Kate Lane); and
- defeated O'Connor Catholic College, Armidale 4-0 (Isabelle Ambrose, Claire Annis-Brown, Sophie Littlejohns, Libbi Maher).

McCarthy qualified for the final in first place with Wollongong gaining the second final berth. Wollongong dominated the early stages of the final before McCarthy worked their way into the game. In the second half Claire Annis-Brown scored a runaway goal and McCarthy claimed a 1-0 victory.

Team: Grace Allan, Isabelle Ambrose, Claire Annis-Brown, Olivia Climpson, Lucy Frame, Millah Green, Ashleigh Horniman, Kate Lane, Sophie Littlejohns, Libbi Maher, Billie Mitchell, Beth Tankard, Katie Wood.



Open Girls

With six members of the team being young enough to play in the U16s competition, the Open girls' team can be proud of their achievement in qualifying for the final. In their pool matches, McCarthy recorded 1 win, 1 draw and 1 loss, conceding only 2 goals. They qualified in second place for the finals. Their semi-final was a tight affair with McCarthy scoring in the first couple of minutes. They maintained their 1-0 advantage for the remainder of the match with both teams having a number of chances to score, only to be denied by desperate defence.

In the final they trailed 1-0 with 5 minutes to go, before conceding two late goals. It was a great team effort throughout the two days of competition and the girls are congratulated on their silver medal.

Team: Olivia Dillon, Georgia Achurch, Natasha Achurch, Hannah Backhouse, Heidi Backhouse, Eliza Bennett, Jessica Clarke, Michelle Coates, Kate Cruickshank, Prue Davies, Sarah Pannowitz, Phoebe Thornberry, Emmalene Tinson.

Under 16 Boys

The U16 boys' team were very competitive in their division, finishing with four wins and two losses for the tournament. This placed them third overall. With no semi-finals and only the top two teams progressing on to the final, the McCarthy boys needed to win their last match by a large margin and hope for results to go their way. They achieved the result they needed winning 9-0, unfortunately they narrowly missed the final by 1 win. Coach, Isaac Farmilo, a former McCarthy student, was very happy with the commitment, team work and attitude of the team throughout the championships (especially from such a young team, with more than half the team still in Year 7 or Year 8 and playing against more physically mature and experienced teams).

Team: Toby Climpson, Ryan Constable, Archie Cruickshank, Angus Doyle, Calvin Farmilo, Harper Galvin, Ehren Hazell, James Highlands, Christopher Macpherson, Luke Maher, Cameron Martin, Jake Mitchell, James O'Connor.

Athletics Carnival

The McCarthy Athletics Carnival was held on Wednesday 10 June at Tamworth Regional Sporting Complex. Results will appear in the next newsletter.

Cochrane Cup

The Under 14s Rugby League team travelled to Armidale to play four games in this year's Cochrane Cup. McCarthy defeated Moree 44-0 and Inverell 28-0, had a 20-all draw against Armidale and a 38-4 loss to Gunnedah. Finishing runners-up for the Cochrane Cup is an absolute credit to all who played, many of whom were playing Rugby League for the very first time. The attacking efforts of Jacob Smyth, Tom Sharman and Nick Taggart were particularly impressive while Jake Vost and Cooper Kelly both did a great job leading by example with some strong defence.

Team: Clay Frenidin, Jed Ferry, Isaac Byrne, Cooper Kelly, Jared Sing, Jesse Collins, Thomas Sharman, Hayden McGregor, Jake Vost, Nick Taggart, Jack Alcock, Curits Milgate, Jacob Smyth, Zac Mansfield, Lachlan King, Ethan Smith, Michael Klasen.

Mr Nick Fahey

Basketball

Max Chillingworth travelled to Sydney on 1 June after being selected in the Boys CCC Basketball team where CCC competed against CIS and CHS teams for selection in the NSW All Schools. Max was chosen as a reserve and if any boy withdraws he will play in the team.

Equestrian



From 29 May to 2 June, five students from McCarthy Equestrian team attended the 2015 Coonabarabran Equestrian Expo in wet conditions. All students attending displayed excellent McCarthy sportsmanship and good manners. Results were as follows:

Sam Collett: 16 years Reserve Champion, 1st Team Barrel, 2nd Warrumbungle Way, 2nd Polocrosse, 3rd Flag Race.

Mykenzie Semple: 17th One Day Event D Division and 4th Bending Race.

Melanie Young: 11th One Day Eventing D Division and 2nd Show Jumping 60cm.

Alex Watt: 4th Preliminary Dressage.

Sam Collett, Mykenzie Semple, Alina Goor-Ditchfield and Melanie Young: 2nd Division One Horseball.

Alina Goor-Ditchfield, Mykenzie Semple and Melanie Young: 7th Division One Team Penning.



Mrs Julie Kellahan

World High School Rodeo

Anna Crisp will travel to the USA to compete at the World Junior High School Rodeo titles in Des Moines, Iowa from 21 June to 27 June. Anna will be one of approximately 1,000 competitors competing at this event.

Nick Penrose will compete at the World Senior High School Rodeo Titles in Rock Springs, Wyoming from 12 July to 19 July.

At the World Senior High School Rodeo Titles, Nick will be one of approximately 1,500 competitors from across the United States, Canada and Australia. The top-twenty contestants in each event then advance to a final round of competition to determine who will walk away with the coveted championship buckles.