

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer

Loving God,

You have given us the privilege as well as the responsibility of being loving parents.

In the name of Jesus, we ask you to guide us as we invite our children to hear your call to service and leadership in our Church.

May our children respond with deep faith and generosity to the needs of God's people.

Help us to be a source of encouragement to our children by our own desire to be committed people who serve with love and enthusiasm.

Amen

Diary Dates

25 June: Newcastle Uni Open Day
 26 June: NAIDOC Music Workshop
 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)
 20 July: Year 9 English performance
 20 July: Year 10 HSIE performance
 21 July: Year 8 Maths day
 21 July: Years 8, 9, 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews
 22 July: NAIDOC Assembly
 23 July: Catch up photos
 24 July: Association Tenpin Bowling Social Night
 27 July: HSC Trials commence
 28 July: ICAS English competition
 28 July: Toastmasters Youth Leadership Course
 30 July: Australian Mathematics Competition
 31 July: Pupil Free Day
 7 Aug: Whole School Mass
 11 Aug: ICAS Mathematics
 14 Aug: Diocesan Athletics – Armidale

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

At the recent Year 11 2016 Subject Selection evening held in the Hall I spoke at length about the three general qualities required for success in life. Of the three, the most important quality is to form good relationships with anyone that you come across, whether at home, school or in the workforce. In a world that more and more reflects a selfish introspective orientation, Mother Teresa's words are never more true:

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile." - **Mother Teresa.**

In the light of recent world events I pray that our young people can be the change that is needed. Each day I am heartened in this prayer by the wonderful smiling faces that I see in the college grounds and classrooms at McCarthy. Happy young women and men enjoying each other's company and sharing, with their teachers, in quality learning that is aspirational and built on good relationships.

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the recent Interhouse Athletics Carnival. The enthusiasm and participation by those students who chose to attend was inspiring and infectious. I publically commend the meticulous organisation of Mr Matt Feltrin and the enthusiastic support of the staff in coordinating and running such a massive event. Congratulations also go to Dominic House in winning the Interhouse Athletics Shield and to the House Leaders for their untiring efforts in encouraging and supporting their house members throughout the day.

NAIDOC Assembly

As one of the annual cultural events in schools across Australia, NAIDOC Assemblies represent an important opportunity to pay respect to Aboriginal and Islander peoples and the important role that they play in the cultural fabric of this great nation. I encourage parents and families to attend the special flag raising, assembly and morning tea being conducted on July 22 in the College Hall. The theme of spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea aligns strongly with the Catholic social teaching of stewardship. In a time where much debate centres on renewable energy sources and climate change, the annual opportunity to pause and reflect in solidarity with indigenous peoples should be strongly supported. I also commend our Indigenous Cultural Dancing Group who have prepared and presented a wonderful display of contemporary and traditional dance for a number of our local Catholic primary schools. We are truly blessed to have such talented and generous students.

Date Claimers

IMPORTANT - Please note on the college calendar that Term 3 will **begin on Monday 13 July.**

Later in the term there is a **PUPIL FREE DAY** for teaching staff on **Friday 31 July.** Students are not to attend school at McCarthy on **Friday 31 July** please as the staff will be working with Bishop Michael Kennedy and engaging with the *Catholic Principles and Values* document from the Armidale Diocese.

2016 Enrolments

Application for Year 7 enrolments for 2016 are now CLOSED. I publically thank the members of the College Executive and the Administration staff for their dedicated efforts in supporting the application and interview process. The final rounds of interviews will

occur early next term. It has been an intense and difficult process with McCarthy Catholic College continuing to attract a broad range of talented and gifted students. The over-subscription of applications will unfortunately produce a waiting list that is unavoidable.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

Woolworths will once again run their Earn and Learn Program from Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September 2015. I urge parents and friends to collect the Earn and Learn stickers from the checkout operator and place them on a sticker sheet. Once completed, simply place the sticker sheet in the collection box at the school office. McCarthy will be eligible to choose valuable school resources, including Science, PDHPE, Mathematics, English and Art, from points earned throughout the program. I thank Mrs Ashleigh Jones for her initiative and thank parents, in advance, for their support.

Camper Trailer Raffle

We thank the following businesses for assisting the McCarthy Association's Camper Trailer Raffle by selling tickets: ADIG, Capitol Music, Manilla Hardware and Tamworth Small Engines. I urge the McCarthy community to support these businesses.

All families please be reminded to return sold raffle books and money by Friday 26 June to be in the running for the Term 2 prize for most raffle books sold. At the end of Term 1 a \$50 JB Hi Fi voucher was donated by the Parent Association. A similar prize is on offer for the Term 2 winner. Students and families are also welcome to take books on Friday 26 June and return them sold with money promptly on Monday 13 July to be included in the Term 2 prize competition.

Holidays

I trust that the holidays are refreshing and life-giving for all of our families. As Mother Teresa suggested in the opening paragraphs, I pray that your time together as a family is full of kindness and brings happiness to all. If you are travelling - be safe and take your time. You are a valuable commodity!

May your God go with you.

Mr Geoff McManus – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On Saturday 13 June, Mr Bill Owens from Catholic Missions in Sydney visited McCarthy in order to run the first preparation phase for the six Year 12 McCarthy students and four St Mary's (Gunnedah) students who will be travelling to Kiribati in December for an alternate schoolies immersion program. Catholic Missions have been running immersion programs for twenty years. The students and teachers who will accompany them were provided with information on the background and current situation in Kiribati e.g. the effects of rising sea levels, what to expect and how to relate with people of relative poverty. The group discussed the essential differences between an immersion trip and vacation; between travelling as a pilgrim and as a tourist. Each pilgrim was given a journal in which to record their personal reflections on the 'peaks and pits' of each day while on the immersion, as a way of keeping a record of something that will most likely impact their lives.

Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinator

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Year 11 2016 Information Evening

Thank you to all the Year 10 students and parents who braved the weather to attend the Year 11 2016 Information Evening. The subject selection process can be confusing for those new to Stage 6 and it is important that information be shared and that parents have an opportunity to ask questions or to seek clarification. Thank you too to all the KLA Coordinators who attended to speak with parents. Hopefully the preferential Expression of Interest sheets were handed in and the long process of forming the 2016 timetable can begin.

Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool is asking for any donations, particularly winter uniform items. I encourage parents and students to take the time over the holidays to see if they have any items no longer in use, which could be donated to the Clothing Pool.

Mrs Sally Sparke – Assistant Principal

PASTORAL CARE

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go to Mikayla, Emily and Ryan Thompson and their family following the passing of their grandfather, and to Finlae and Riley Evans and their family following the passing of their grandmother.

Certificate of Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Certificate of Achievement Award at last week's assembly:

Year 7: Michelle Coates, Morgan Kenniff, Holly Littlejohns, Thomas Macpherson

Year 8: Jonathon Abra, Sophia Anderson, Lyndell Boschma, Edward George, Julia Hannaford, Lauren Hutchinson, Abigail Kelly, Diaz Martyn, Augustine Mundele-Turner, Alana Noonan, Miah O'Sullivan, Laura Robertson

Year 10: Isabelle Turner

Year 11: Olivia Dillon

Year 12: Bridget Galvin, Teanna Haywood, Pippa Herden.

Mrs Libby Molony – Pastoral Care Coordinator

PARENT INFORMATION

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday 14 July at 7.15pm. Everyone is most welcome.

Camper Trailer Raffle Reminder

All raffle tickets that have been sold should be returned to school by Friday 26 June. The student who has sold the highest number of raffle ticket books this term will be in the running for a seller's prize as well as free lunch orders from the canteen for a week donated by Mrs Balderston. Students who take raffle books on Friday 26 June and return them sold on Monday 13 July will also be included in the prize draw.

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

Pie Drive Fundraiser

Just over \$1700 was raised from the Pie Drive and ten family pies have been added to the Family Fund freezer. A big thank you to everyone for making this another success and especially to Lynda Dehm for her great organisation.

Social Tenpin Bowling Evening

The McCarthy Association warmly invites interested parents/guardian/friends to a social night at Tamworth Tenpin Bowling, 30 Anne Street, South Tamworth on **Friday 24 July** (Week 2, Term 3).

Cost is \$20.00 per person and includes two games and pizza.

Bring your own drinks. Soft drink is available to purchase. Please note: this is an over 18s evening.

RSVP Monday 20 July.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

Although the end of term is near, it is busy in terms of teaching and learning. Mid-year exams have been returned with some students being pleasantly surprised with their results, while others have been disappointed. Mid-year reports are being finalised for Years 8 – 10 and you should receive them in the coming days.

The holidays are a good time to reflect on practices that have worked and those that have not. If your child's results are not as high as anticipated, it is an ideal time to use the Student Planner, clear a space on the fridge or a wall for the Term Calendar that will be coming home, with a visual representation of deadlines. Remember that the Assessment Schedules can be accessed on MOODLE in the Parent Section with username: parent and password: parent. Although there are not specific dates in these booklets (as these come on the task notification), the busy weeks can be identified.

Parent/Teacher Interviews for Years 7 and 11 were held yesterday followed by the information session for Vocational Learning Pathways for 2016. This information is for Year 10 parents and students who may be interested in a TVET course next year. The Subject Selection – Expressions of Interest form is due to the office by Thursday 25 June (today) so the first line pattern can be formulated.

The Years 8, 9 and 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews are being held in Week 2 of next term, on Tuesday 21 July. Remember, if you cannot make one of these evenings, contact the school to arrange a phone interview.

Ms Suzanne Day – Teaching and Learning Coordinator

CAREERS

Year 10

During the last few weeks I have met with all the Year 10 classes regarding decisions to be made, suggestions on how to find out information about options for future career paths and subject selection for students continuing on to Year 11. All Year 10 students received the Year 10 Careers Booklet (yellow) and were asked to tear off the last page, complete it and hand it to their Maths teacher by the end of this term. I have asked students to show parents the booklets and what they contain.

Parents of Year 10 students were also shown the JobJump website at the recent Curriculum Information Evening and asked to register to be able to access information to assist their children. To find the site and details of how to register, go to the McCarthy careers page: www.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au/careers/

Year 12

Earlier this week all students received a comprehensive Careers Book on writing resumes, applying for jobs, TAFE, college and university options.

University Information Evening Wednesday 15 July 2015

This information evening is for all Year 12 students who wish to apply to university and their parents. It will be held in the PAC 7.00pm-8.30pm and cover all aspects of applying, costs, important dates, deferring etc. We will have three universities in attendance to talk to and answer questions from parents and students. This is in Week 1 of Term 3 so please put the date in your diary or calendar.

Careers Advisers' Summit

I recently attended the Careers Advisers Summit at UNE where we heard about changes to Early Entry Schemes and important news for current Year 12 students considering teaching as a career which I will share with the students. Nothing stays the same in the world of careers and universities; this trend continues in 2015 – 2016.

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

ENGLISH

English is a compulsory subject for the HSC and students must elect to study at least two units.

Extension English is for students who are passionate about English and have an aptitude for this subject. Only students who elect to study Advanced English are eligible to study this course. Texts include the short stories of *Edgar Allan Poe* and *Dracula* among others.

Extension students are able to choose to complete **Extension 2 English** in Year 12. This course is a one unit subject.

Extension 2 English is a Year 12 course only. It comprises the completion of either a creative or analytical major work in the student's chosen interest area. There is no HSC external examination for this course. This course is a one unit subject.

Advanced English applies classical texts to a given concept. Often a good benchmark for students to decide if this course is appropriate for them is to research some of the texts and authors set for study.

Year 11 - John Keats, *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Othello*.

Year 12 - W.B. Yeats, *Pride and Prejudice*, *The Crucible* and *The Tempest*.

Standard English comprises more contemporary texts and students do not study any Shakespearean plays:

Year 11 - *Raw* by Scott Monk, Bruce Dawe, *Cosi* by Louis Nowra

Year 12 - Wilfred Owen, *Run Lola Run*, *The Story of Tom Brennan* and *Away*.

English Studies comprises a thematic approach to texts and is a non-ATAR course. Students who complete this course are eligible for a HSC but not an ATAR. There is no HSC external examination for this course.

Mrs Katrina Sullivan – English Coordinator

BAND



Tamworth Eisteddfod

McCarthy students have had a busy week representing the school admirably at the Tamworth Eisteddfod. Their performances and behaviour were a credit to them and a wonderful advertisement for the school. Congratulations for all who were involved. Many students also performed with other ensembles and in solos as well.

The Year 11 Acapella Vocal Ensemble performed in the Capitol Theatre in the Open Chamber Ensemble. They performed their own arrangement of *Rolling in the Deep* and achieved great praise and 3rd place from the adjudicator.

The Bands achieved great results and very impressive praise from the adjudicator and audiences alike.

Concert Band - 3rd place Junior Large Ensemble

Year 10 Jazz Ensemble - 2nd place Junior Jazz Ensemble

Brass Ensemble - 1st place Junior Chamber Ensemble

Saxophone Quartet - 1st place Junior Small Ensemble

Jazz Band - 1st place Junior Stage Band

Jazz band - 1st place Open Stage Band

Mrs Lisa Lane – Instrumental Music Program Director

McCARTHY EUROPEAN CULTURAL EXPERIENCE 2016

Information Meeting on Tuesday 28 July at 6.00pm

In April 2014, twenty-four members of the McCarthy community (mainly students in Years 10 and 11) headed off on the 2014 European trip which was the third trip to Europe that has been organised through the school. We are now looking at organising another three week trip in September-October of next year. We are looking at providing a trip that will give you a taste-test of some of the best that Europe has to offer visiting Italy, Austria, Germany, Belgium and ending up in France.

The trip is open to all members of the McCarthy community – students, families and staff. For anyone who wants to find out more, there will be an information evening in Week 3 of next term. It will be held on Tuesday 28 July at 6.00pm and we are hoping to have a representative from a travel company there to tell you more and answer questions. Obviously we need a certain number, at least twenty-five students and adults, for the trip to go ahead. At this stage, the price is approximately \$8,300.

Flyers are available from the Office and the Library. If you wish to come along to the meeting, please

RSVP by returning the slip on the flyer or sending an email to: sbarrett@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au preferably before the end of this term.

EX-STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs Ginaya Yarnold (nee Wieland) on her promotion to Principal at St Agnes Port Macquarie. Ginaya was former student of McCarthy and has been Acting Principal and Assistant Principal for the past couple of years.

SPORT

Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday 10 June we held our annual Athletics Carnival at the Tamworth Regional Sporting Complex. We had an amazing day with the weather, and good attendance from most year groups with around 600 students in total.

There were some fantastic achievements on the day with a number of records broken. I would like to congratulate all students who attended, competed, and broke personal best records on the day. I would also like to thank the students who, as well as competing, helped out during the day.

A lot of time and effort goes into the smooth running of an Athletics Carnival. Thanks to all the members of staff who ran their activities efficiently and effectively, allowing all students the opportunity to compete.

Congratulations to Dominic who was the winning house on the day. Points were as follows:

- Dominic – 971
- MacKillop – 877
- Chisholm – 814
- Edmund Rice – 651



Age Champions

	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>
12 Years	Imeshi Dayaratne	Sebastian O’Sullivan
13 Years	Melanie Young	Blake Ginman
14 Years	Kate Pianta	Samuel Ellicott
15 Years	Ella Heeney	Adam Challens
16 Years	Alexandra Reed	Lachlan Glasson
17+ Years	Alice Murphy	Morgan Pennefather

A list of representatives for the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Friday 14 August in Armidale are posted on the Sports Noticeboard. If students think they qualified for this carnival they should check the noticeboard. If students do not wish to compete in the Diocesan Carnival, please let me know. Any objections to results need to be made by the end of this term.

Mr Matt Feltrin – Sports Coordinator

NSWCCC Cross Country

The following students competed at NSWCCC Cross Country at Eastern Creek on 12 June: Kyle Nicholson, Matthew Gambriell, Sophie Heeney, Madison Roach, Eleanor George, Ella Heeney. Congratulations to Ella Heeney who won a gold medal in the 15 years girls’ division and Sophie Heeney who won bronze in the 17+ girls’. They will now return to Eastern Creek on 17 July for NSW All Schools Championships.

NSWCCC Touch Trials

Chloe Coe, Patrick Ferguson, Rosie Ferguson, Lachlan Glasson, Brodii Ingram, Tom Keogh, Phoebe McLoughlin, Miah O’Sullivan, Cara Paterson, Jye Paterson, Olivia Ruttley, Taylah Ryan and Matilda Shumack travelled to Port Macquarie on 16 June to compete in the NSWCCC Touch trials. Congratulations to Chloe Coe and Brodii Ingram who were selected in the NSWCCC Senior Girls’ team. They will now compete at the Australian Championships at the Sunshine Coast in September.

NSWCCC Opens Basketball

McCarthy Open’s Boy Basketball team competed at the NSWCCC Championships on 18 June at Penrith. The boys played extremely well considering it was a young side with all benefiting from the experience.

Results were as follows:

- Lost by 11 to St Andrew’s College, Marayong
- Lost by 10 to St Dominic’s College, Kingswood
- Won by 40 against St Patrick’s College, Sutherland
- Won by 30 against St Joseph’s Catholic High School, Albion Park.

Unfortunately the boys just missed qualifying for the semi-finals. Thank you to Mr Nick Fahey for accompanying the students to Penrith and to Mr Matt Hobson for giving up his time to coach the team.

Team: Brock Berthold, James Berthold, Max Chillingworth, Chang Goh, Tom Kelly, Connor Murphy, Riley Murphy, Ricky Ward, Toby Whale.

NSW Netball Schools Cup

Last Thursday, McCarthy participated in the NSW Netball Schools’ Cup in Tamworth. McCarthy’s combined Year 7 and 8 team competed in the tournament against schools in the Tamworth area, including Tamworth High School, Calrossy and Peel High School.

The team played well on the day and improved with each game they played together. They won 7 out of their 8 games, which put them through to the next round of the competition.

Team: Jessica Foster, Georgia Skewes, Emma Higgins, Alina Swan, Briannah Donaldson, Mollie Green, Olivia Bath, Keely Jameson.

Thank you to Miss Erin Cannon for assisting the girls at the carnival and to Madeline Michie for umpiring. Good luck to the girls in the next stage.



School Basketball Competition

McCarthy entered fifteen teams into the School Basketball Terms 1 and 2 Competition with nine teams reaching the finals. Congratulations to the champions 7/8BA MCC Mavericks, 7/8BC MCC Pistons (who defeated MCC Rockets), 7/8GA MCC Sapphires, 9/10GB MCC Pearls, 9/10BA MCC Knicks, 11/12BA MCC Thunder and runner-ups 7/8BC Rockets and 9/10GA MCC Emeralds. 11/12BB MCC Heat played last night.

Training Shirt

McCarthy training t-shirts will be available for purchase for all students and staff early next term. Cost is \$40. The design is on the Sports Noticeboard. To select the appropriate size, students can visit Mr Kenniff in M2 during Mentor Group each morning after having their name marked off the roll, to try on a sample. Order and payments close in Week 4, Term 3.



Tamworth Tenpin Bowling Social Night

Friday 24 July 2015
6.30pm for 7pm start
30 Anne St South Tamworth

\$20 per person includes 2 games and pizza.

BYO Beer, Wine & pre-mixed drinks. Soft drinks available for purchase.

Limited numbers

First in Bowls best!



This is an over 18s only night

McCarthy Association Tamworth Tenpin Bowling Social Night

RSVP by Monday 20 July 2015 to the office
& enclose cash or cheque payable to MCC Association

Name:

Phone:

Number of people:

This is an over 18s only night



Education &
Communities



****Parent Information Night****

'Making the links: youth wellbeing'

An information night on the wellbeing and mental health of young people for parents, teachers and community members.

Guest speakers: Batyr & The Butterfly Foundation will be talking about youth wellbeing and body image

Learn about: Ways you can provide **support** and the local **services** available for young people.

WHEN? 6.30pm - 8.00pm Monday 13th July

WHERE? Tamworth Community Centre, Darling Street 2340

A light supper will be served at the end of the event.

entry is a gold coin donation



For more information please contact:

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