

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.*

Reflection

All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honouring the dead. According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go either to heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes; or hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. An intermediate option is purgatory, where it is taught most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go. In Purgatory the soul is cleansed in preparation for entry into heaven. We believe that through our prayers, the dead are cleansed of their sins and may enter into heaven. For this reason, during the month of November Catholics traditionally pray for the dead.

One of the most commonly recited of Catholic prayers during November is the prayer for Eternal Rest. This is one of the greatest acts of charity we can perform, to help the souls of the dead during their time in Purgatory.

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Whole School Mass

The McCarthy faith community celebrated the Feast of Saints Simon and Jude this week. These apostles worked to share Christ's message and grow the early church. We are grateful to Father Jo Adriano and Father O'Neill who celebrated masses with McCarthy students at St Nicholas' and St Patrick's.

World Education Games

The World Education Games are a biannual, global, online challenge to get students aged 4-18 years excited about learning and to provide the most capable students with an opportunity to see how they measure up against the best in the world.

The school community warmly congratulates Ben Howard (Year 9) who placed 1st in Australia and 2nd in the world in Mathematics, 1st in Australia in Literacy and 2nd in Australia in Science in the Year 9+ division of the World Education Games. There were 8 million registered participants worldwide, representing 220 countries.

Ben will receive his medals in an awards ceremony in Sydney in November.

OLORCC

Good things come to those who wait. And so it is with Our Lady of the Rosary Cultural Centre. This week, relevant staff had training in the use of various pieces of state-of-the-art equipment installed in the new centre. We are still waiting on a definitive handover date, but it is getting very close. The centre is beautiful and will be an incredible addition to the already impressive facilities here at the College.

Afternoon Pick-ups

Once the building is complete, we will be able to return to normal procedures for the pick-up of students in the afternoon. Parents are reminded that the front of the school is **not** where parents should be collecting their children. I ask that all parents use the service road and turning circle at the back of the hall for afternoon pick-up. If parents are required to wait, then they can park along the service road and there will be no interruption to the whole traffic movement. The end of the school day is a very busy time in terms of traffic movement and I urge all drivers to demonstrate care and consideration of others.

Staffing

I would like to offer a warm welcome to Mrs Bearup on her return from maternity leave. I thank Miss Leanne Sjollema for filling in as Year 7 Coordinator in Mrs Bearup's absence, and Mrs Jo McHugh who covered Mrs Bearup's Science classes and Year 10 Agriculture for Miss Sjollema.

Mrs Denise McHugh has resigned her teaching position at the College. Mrs McHugh, currently seconded to BOSTES (Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards) was successful in renewing her BOSTES role. Mrs McHugh commenced teaching at Rosary College in 1997 and moved to the McCarthy campus in 2003. She has taught a number of subjects at both schools, most notably Modern History, Economics and Business Studies. She was appointed Teaching and Learning Coordinator in 2011 and became a member of the college Executive. We thank her for her dedicated service to our community and wish her well for her future endeavours. A full time HSIE position commencing in 2016 has recently been advertised.

Diary Dates

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| 30 Oct: | Bandana Day |
| 30 Oct: | Mango orders due |
| 2 Nov: | Year 10 Exams |
| 4 Nov: | Year 7, 8, 9, 10 Exams |
| 5 Nov: | Year 12 Graduation Dinner |
| 9/10 Nov: | RSA/RCG Course |
| 11 Nov: | Year 8 VALID test |
| 11 Nov: | Remembrance Day Service |
| 13 Nov: | Association Trivia Night |
| 17 Nov: | Board & Association Meetings |
| 18 Nov: | Year 7 Vaccinations |
| 23 Nov: | Creative Arts Evening |
| 24 Nov: | Orientation Day Year 7 2016 |
| 24 Nov: | Info Evening for new students 2016 |
| 30 Nov: | Year 9 Excursion |
| 30 Nov: | Year 10 Excursion |
| 30 Nov: | Band Workshop – Narrabri |
| 8 Dec: | HSC Music Workshop |
| 9 Dec: | Sport Awards Assembly 9am |
| 10 Dec: | Year 10 Dinner Dance 6pm |
| 14 Dec: | Award Night |

HSC

The HSC examinations continue and students have generally been well pleased with the papers. Examinations will conclude on Wednesday November 4, with results available Wednesday December 16. The HSC Graduation Dinner is on Thursday 5 November and Award Night is Monday 14 December.

Mrs Sally Sparke – Acting Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**Hats**

With the warm weather upon us, it is pleasing to see students wearing their hats on the playground. Students who are playing lunch time sport are being cooperative with teachers by wearing their hats, demonstrating a willingness to follow school expectations and sun safe practice. School hats are available for purchase from the front office. Junior bucket hats are \$7 and senior hats are \$40.

Student Leadership Council

The new senior members held their first meeting with all junior members recently. The SLC has many plans for Term 4 including:

- a campaign of greater awareness of sun safety and promotion of the wearing of hats through proactive means
- being active role models in the wearing of correct school uniform
- organisation of the Canteen student volunteer roster.

Mrs Sparke and myself met with the new student leaders recently at lunch time where the leaders discussed the concept of servant leadership and how this may be demonstrated as they move into their final year of schooling at McCarthy.

Mrs Sharon Stuart – Acting Assistant Principal

PASTORAL CARE**Condolences**

Our thoughts and prayers go to Luke and Libbi Maher and their family following the passing of their grandfather.

Vaccinations – Year 7

Vaccinations will be held on Wednesday 18 November for all Year 7 students. Could parents please make sure students have a good breakfast, and wear their sports uniform.

Mrs Libby Molony – Pastoral Care Coordinator

TEACHING AND LEARNING**PAT Testing**

Years 7 through to 10 will be sitting the ACER Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) on either Monday 2 or Tuesday 3 November. We decided to utilise these tests at the beginning of the Semester 2 examination period as this data will allow us to monitor progress in key skill areas.

Semester 2 Exams

Wednesday 4 November signals the beginning of Semester 2 Exams for Years 10, 9, 8 and 7. Each year has been provided with a timetable that indicates when each exam will be rostered. Students will go to the hall at the specified exam time and attend normal classes during other lessons.

If your child is unable to sit for the exam at the specified time, it is essential that correct procedure is followed. If your son or daughter is unwell on the day of the exam, please telephone the school or email me at sday@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au prior to 9am to inform of their absence. A blue 'Application for Extension/Special Consideration' form, along with the supporting documentation, must be completed on their return to school. If you know your child will be absent from a timetabled exam, this form must be completed and submitted prior to the exam so alternate arrangements can be made.

VALID

A reminder that Year 8 students will also be sitting for the online VALID (Validation of Assessment 4 Learning and Individual Development) Science test on Tuesday 11 November. VALID has replaced the ESSA exam. If your child is absent on this day, there will be two other opportunities for them to take the test later in the week.

Over the next few weeks please ensure any changes to your email address have been updated with the office as we intend to send Semester 2 Reports electronically.

Ms Suzanne Day – Teaching and Learning Coordinator

PARENT INFORMATION**Mango Orders**

We are conducting our ever popular Mango Fundraiser again. Order forms were sent home with students and spare forms are available from the office. Please note orders and money are due to the school office by **Friday 30 October** in an envelope marked "Mango Fundraiser". Tell your family and friends.

Save the Date

Trivia Night on Friday 13 November. Come dressed in your most wicked outfit for "Freaky Friday"! If anyone can make a donation (prize) to the Trivia Night it would be much appreciated.
All donations can be left at the office.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday 17 November at 7.15pm. Everyone is most welcome.

CAREERS NEWS

Year 12

After the HSC has concluded, approximately thirty Year 12 students will be doing the RSA and RCG courses at school to assist with either careers in hospitality or part-time employment in this area while they study. Scholarship and accommodation applications will need to be finalised in coming weeks. Students must be aware of relevant deadlines.

Year 11 and Year 10 Career Interviews

I have begun interviewing students who have requested to see me to discuss career related matters. Most seem to focus on subject choices for the HSC. It is very important to make the best possible choices so that there are options available at the end of Year 12. This means students need to seek advice to make these choices and decisions based on factual information and not on rumours or what they may have heard from third parties. While it may be tempting to make what is the easiest short term option, sometimes this may limit choices at the end of the HSC.

In Week 1, I spoke to approximately forty Year 11 students about how and where to find information to help them with their future choices.

Year 10 Potential School Leavers

I have also met with some students who are seeking apprenticeships and other options instead of continuing on to Year 11. I will be giving them help and advice to achieve their goals.

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

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER NEWS

Three McCarthy Catholic College Indigenous students, Shanice Madden, Carl Herden and Adam Wallace, participated in a two day workshop at the Tamworth Regional Youth Centre. The National Indigenous Youth Leadership Academy provided a forum for the students to discuss areas around leadership and community change. It was a very engaging and fun filled two days and the students came away with a lot of food for thought to make a difference in the school and community.

Mrs Jodie Herden – AEW

SPORT



Equestrian

From Saturday 17 until Tuesday 20 October, McCarthy Catholic College students attended the second Inter Schools Horse Extravaganza at AELEC in Tamworth. The four days covered different equine disciplines including Working Horse Challenge, Sporting and Ring events, Show Jumping, Dressage and One Day Eventing. Georgia Achurch won the Reserve Champion 15 years Sporting Award, Laura Munt placed in the 115cm and 105cm Show Jumping, Alex Watt placed 1st in the 80cm One Day Event, Melanie Young placed in the 75cm and 65cm Show Jumping, Paige Leonard placed in 16 years Hack event and Dressage tests. Other students placed in Sporting, Ring and Show Jumping events throughout the four days.

We had two teams enter in the Team Mug Race showing great McCarthy team spirit. The team of Natasha Achurch, Georgia Achurch, Olivia Achurch and Sam Collett came second in the event. Sam was also invited to perform his great horsemanship in the Opening Ceremony and to carry a sponsor's flag.

McCarthy had three students join the horse ball demonstration team; Melanie Young, Alina Goor-Ditchfield and Sam Collett.

All students displayed great sportsmanship.

Students in attendance were Georgia Cutcliffe, Jessie Cutcliffe, Melanie Young, Matt Letton, Jasmine Schumack, Sam Collett, Olivia Achurch, Natasha Achurch, Georgia Achurch, Laura Munt, Alex Watt, Alina Goor-Ditchfield, Emily Yeo, Paige Leonard, Maddison Higgins and Madeline Neville.

Mrs Julie Kellahan – Equestrian Coordinator

Hockey

Congratulations to Luke Maher who represented the U13 NSW Hockey team at the recent National Hockey Championships in Darwin. NSW finished 1 point behind Victoria after winning 9 of their 11 matches. Luke scored 5 goals and finished in the top 10 goal scorers at the tournament.

McCarthy Association - FUN RAISER

You are invited to attend

- Date** Friday 13 November 2015
- Time** 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
- Venue** McCarthy Catholic College Hall
- Who** Over 18s only
- Bonus** Only \$10 per head (payable on the night)
- Bring** Your gold coins, own drinks, nibbles



Best dressed table/team
 (Come dressed in your most wicked outfit for Freaky Friday!)
Winning trivia team

Spot prizes will be awarded throughout the night

To register please choose an option below

1. Phone the school with your table name on 6761 0800
2. Email admin@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au
3. Return the slip below to the office
by Monday 9 November 2015

Register Your Table of 8 People NOW

McCarthy Trivia Night Friday 13 November 2015

Please register a table of 8 for the following team.

Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

If you don't have a table of 8 but would like to come, please register and let the girls know that you don't have a full table. We will put together a table for you.

Order Form

Name:

Address:

Email address:

(Please provide a clear email address so we can let you know by email when the mangoes arrive.)

PLEASE PROVIDE A PHONE NUMBER

Contact Phone Number:

Payment Method: Cash
 Cheque made payable to: **McCarthy Catholic College Association**

| | Name | Qty | Price | Total |
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| 1. | | | \$25/tray | |
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| 15. | | | \$25/tray | |

-  Remember to offer this to your family, co-workers, friends and neighbours.
-  Please don't forget your phone number in the event that we need to contact you when the mangoes arrive.
-  Please return this form with payment to McCarthy Catholic College by **30 October**.
-  Mangoes should be ready for collection between mid November to mid December.
-  **NOTE: Payment must accompany all orders.**

Mangoes, Mangoes, Mangoes Mangoes, Mangoes

Our Mango Fundraiser is Here!!

I am sure all the mango enthusiasts who have enjoyed the mangoes for the past 5 years are excited to hear that it is time for our fresh and healthy fundraiser once again.

The Mango Fundraiser specialises in “Kensington Pride” mangoes. The Kensington Pride mango is renowned as the best in the world with the most pleasant flavour and smoothest flesh.

Each tray of mangoes weighs approximately 7kg and is packaged in a colourful tray. The number of mangoes in a tray depends on the size of the mango. Tray sizes are from 14 to 20 mangoes in a tray at the cost of \$25.00 a tray. Storage advice, tips on how to eat fresh mangoes and recipe ideas will also be provided.

Mangoes really are one of nature’s super foods as they are packed with nutritional goodness. They are an excellent source of Vitamin C, with one mango giving you your recommended daily intake. Mangoes contain Vitamin E and are rich in beta-carotene (which the body converts to Vitamin A), an antioxidant that protects the body against the effects of free radicals. They are a good source of potassium, contain some B group vitamins, are low in fat and cholesterol free.

We will be delivering quality mangoes direct from the farm to the families and friends of McCarthy Catholic College mid November-mid December, the date will be confirmed closer to delivery.

All orders are to be returned to the School Office in an envelope marked “Mango Fundraiser”.

NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2015

So tell your friends and work colleagues about the great fundraiser and get those orders in.

Thank you for your support.

McCarthy Catholic College Association

14 October 2015



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| Cost per tray | \$25 |
| Place your order | By dropping your order and payments into McCarthy Catholic College by 30 October 2015. |