

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer

God of mercy, transform me,
that my eyes may be merciful,
that I may marvel at the beauty of my neighbour's heart.
Transform me, O God,
that my ears may be merciful,
that I may be attentive to those in need.
Transform me, O God,
that my tongue may be merciful,
that all I proclaim is in love and peace.
Transform me, O God,
that my hands may be merciful,
that I use them to serve my neighbour.
Transform me, O God,
that my feet may be merciful,
that my pilgrim journey leads me to compassion.
Transform me, O God,
that my heart may be merciful,
ever open to the joy of your presence.
May your mercy, O God,
rest upon me and transform me into Yourself,
for you are my all.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Reflection

2016 has been dedicated by Pope Francis as an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy because, he believes it is time we, as the Church and the people of God spend some time "... [contemplating] the mystery of mercy... [the] wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. ... [because] our salvation depends on it."

The motto for the year, Merciful like the Father, serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of God who asks us not to judge or condemn but to offer love and forgiveness instead.

I would like to offer the following URL as a good place to start some contemplation of your own on both the concept of 'jubilee' and 'mercy'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrljStx9RQY>

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

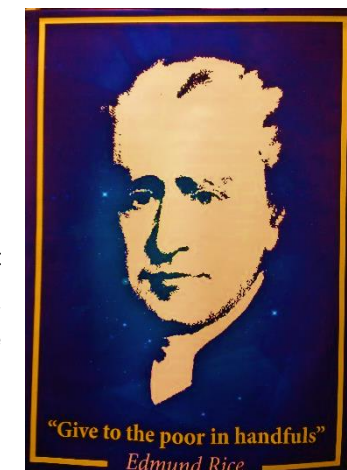
Edmund Rice Feast Day Masses

During this week we gathered as a faith community at St Nicholas Church to commemorate the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice. The significance of such a day is quite important for a school like McCarthy Catholic College. As a school that grew out of earlier versions of catholic schools in Tamworth, McCarthy's history is steeped in the Edmund Rice tradition and replete with an honour role of Christian Brothers who supported and educated the poor Catholic children of Tamworth for over 150 years. But who is this Edmund Rice and what does it mean to be a Christian Brother? Edmund was a man with great means who became distressed by the reality of many homeless, poor uneducated young boys roaming the streets of his hometown in Waterford, Ireland. He subsequently abandoned his own very successful business and chose instead to use his resources to establish a school for poor Irish boys living on the streets. In order to staff the school he built, he founded the teaching order of the Christian Brothers in 1802. Edmund's campaign on behalf of poor boys quickly grew and spread and communities of Christian Brothers were soon founded in England, Canada, New Zealand, India, Rome, Australia and parts of Africa. Today they are located globally in over 30 countries.

In 1843, Bishop Polding invited the Christian Brothers to Australia for the express purpose of establishing Catholic schools. Four Christian Brothers arrived in Tamworth in 1926 and began teaching in the primary school in White Street until the new College in Carthage Street (now St Nicholas' Primary School) was built.

Since that time Catholic schools in Tamworth, in particular, the Christian Brothers College, Our Lady of the Rosary College, McCarthy Catholic Senior High School and now McCarthy Catholic College have been places where the spirit of Edmund Rice is present and continues to promote good Catholic education as the best way to develop one's faith and achieve success in life.

This week we remembered those many individual Christian Brothers who, inspired by Edmund's selfless efforts to make the Gospel message present to the poor and his compassionate desire to socially liberate the poor through education, joined the Christian Brothers and came to Tamworth



Diary Dates

6 May:	Diocesan Tennis/Cross Country/Golf
6 May:	UNE Open Day
10 May:	NAPLAN commences
11 May:	HSC Physics Excursion – Armidale
12 May:	School Social 6.00pm – 9.00pm
16 May:	Senior Music Workshop
17 May:	ICAS Digital Technologies
17 May:	Board & Association Meetings
18 May:	Athletics Carnival
19 May:	NSWCCC Hockey
23 May:	Years 7 & 11 Exams commence
30 May:	Year 8, 9, 10 Exams commence
31 May:	ICAS Science
3 June:	PUPIL FREE DAY (RE PD Day for staff)
3 June:	Coonabarabran Horse Expo
9 June:	Cochrane Cup
13 June:	Long weekend
14 June:	Year 8 Maths Day
21 June:	Board & Association Meetings
22 June:	Diocesan Soccer
23 June:	Eisteddfod
29 June:	Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 P/T Interviews
30 June:	Newcastle University Open Day
1 July:	Term 2 concludes

where they kept the spirit and charism of Edmund Rice alive in our Catholic schools. I thank Mrs Cate Allen for the wonderful work that she did in preparing such spiritual experiences for our students. The preparation and production of the Edmund Rice banner for the Mass was a particular highlight.

NAPLAN

Across the country next week students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in three days of NAPLAN tests. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment that tests students' abilities in reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The tests can be considered controversial in some quarters, as some say they put too much pressure on students and are potentially being used to rank schools and private school selection.

ACARA – the organisation that coordinates NAPLAN, has said the tests are not a test of content - rather a test of skills that are developed over time through the curriculum, and there is no pass or fail. Either way, tests – whether they do result in a pass or fail or not, can be a bit nerve-racking if that mode of assessment presents a challenge. At McCarthy we have been emphasising the 'normality' of the NAPLAN assessment as just another way of checking whereabouts a student might currently be 'sitting' on the learning continuum. Just like any in-class assessment or exam that counts towards an end-of-semester report, NAPLAN is just another set of evaluations that help us to work out what we need to do next to help students improve their learning. In teenage language we have been encouraging students to "chill" to avoid over-anxiety.

ANZAC Day March

Thank you to all the McCarthy students and families that supported the ANZAC commemoration services and marches in Tamworth, Manilla, Quirindi and Kootingal last week. I was personally proud of the manner in which our students presented themselves at the Tamworth march and by all reports the students at the other centres represented the college admirably. I am particularly thankful to the students and staff who led the Tamworth section with a drum line. This initiative enhanced our presentation and I publically commend the skill and dedication of the three students - Daniel Glasson, Samuel Cohen, Christopher Macpherson, Mr Ronny Rindo and Mrs Lisa Lane for their hard work behind the scenes in preparing the drum line.

Staff Update

It is with some disappointment that we farewell Mrs Jodie Herden from her role as Aboriginal Education Assistant. As a long-term staff member Jodie was highly-regarded for her work with the aboriginal students and families. We wish her every success and while her new role with JobLink Plus will see her extend that great community work, the McCarthy community will be poorer for her departure. Conversely, we welcome Mrs Chloe Bushell to the teaching team for a Term 2 contract position while Mr Rob Meppem takes some well-deserved leave.

Winter Uniform

Please note that the official change-over date from Summer to Winter uniform will be the beginning of Week 3 in Term 2 (May 9). Full details can be downloaded from the website. Hats are a compulsory requirement for all outside play activities all year round.

Enrolments for Year 7 in 2017

Thank you to those families that have expressed an interest in Catholic education at McCarthy Catholic College for Year 7 in 2017. Interviews will be conducted throughout Term 2.

May your God go with you.

Mr Geoff McManus – Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

School Social

The SLC are hosting a school social on Thursday 12 May from 6.00pm – 9.00pm. The theme for the evening is Hippies vs Hipsters, so students can come dressed in their finest 'flower power' or hipster gear.

Tickets must be purchased prior to the event - details of selling times will be advertised through daily notices. Students will not be able to purchase tickets at the door.

The SLC will make a donation from the profits to the Leukemia Foundation.

Pedestrian Crossing

A pedestrian crossing has now been marked across the access road in front of Our Lady of the Rosary Cultural Centre and the student carpark. A reminder please to give way to pedestrians at all times.

Mrs Sally Sparke – Assistant Principal

PASTORAL CARE

Welcome

We welcome Nathan Quayle (Year 7) and Genevieve Sears (Year 10) to the McCarthy community.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go to Sara, James and Jack Awad and their family following the passing of their grandmother.

Mrs Libby Molony – Pastoral Care Coordinator

PARENT INFORMATION

Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday 17 May at 7.15pm in the staff common room. All welcome.

Save the Date

The McCarthy Association's annual Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 30 July.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Welcome back to Term 2.

NAPLAN

For Year 7 and 9 students NAPLAN testing will be conducted in Week 3 from 10 – 12 May and students will be given a timetable for these specific days during Year meetings this week. Information about NAPLAN has been distributed with letters being sent home with students via Mentor Group. Please ensure your child attends school, especially during these three days, and be sure to notify the school by phone or email if absence is unavoidable.

Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews allowed for quality discussion and feedback to students that can assist them to progress throughout this term and the HSC examination period. The remainder of this academic year will require all students to demonstrate a proactive commitment to learning. One way to use the feedback from Parent/Teacher Interviews is for students to reflect on the suggestions and to set learning goals that are specific, measurable, achievable and time bound. SMART goals, as they are called, can be one way to keep up the motivation levels and to track progress. Focus on daily disciplines, study habits and consistent routines that will allow each child to maximise their potential in the HSC.

BOSTES has published the 2016 HSC timetable and students can view their personal timetable via their [Students Online](#) account. This link will also contain important information for students who have practical and performance examinations.

Students should log in to check their personal details and timetables. Please be sure to let me know if there are any errors, omissions or clashes in their timetable immediately.

Mrs Raelene Maxworthy – Teaching and Learning Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

This term is the start of many career-related activities for Year 12 students to assist them with their choices for what they do after the HSC.

UNE Open Day

This Friday, 6 May, UNE is holding their Open Day and approximately thirty-two Year 12 students will be attending to look at facilities, talk to lecturers about courses, attend talks, tour the colleges and go on campus tours put on by various facilities.

Tamworth Careers Expo at the TRECC

This event is scheduled for Wednesday 18 May. However this is also the date of the McCarthy Athletics Carnival. In light of this and working with Mr Feltrin, any Year 12 student who wishes to attend the Careers Expo will meet with me at a pre-arranged time and be accompanied to the TRECC and return as a group to the Athletics Carnival.

Mrs Susan Barrett – Careers Adviser
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INDIGENOUS NEWS

Congratulations to Camille Fernando who was successful in being selected as The Commonwealth Bank of Australia Indigenous Trainee for 2016 along with one other Tamworth student from Peel High School. Both Camille and Britney Pendergast also from McCarthy Catholic College progressed through to the interview round and were both praised for their high level of application. Best of luck Camille and again congratulations to both girls on their outstanding efforts.

Congratulations also to Logan Hoswell-Parr who has been accepted into the Tamworth Country Music Academy in addition to receiving a full scholarship for exceptional talent in the area of singing and song writing. This is an amazing opportunity.

Mrs Joelene Faint – Aboriginal Education Assistant

MATHEMATICS

A timely reminder about Study Club and Calculus Club.

Study Club is held in the library each Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.00pm until 5.00pm. One or more Mathematics teachers are in attendance on both of these days. It is therefore a wonderful opportunity for students to access individualised assistance with any areas of Mathematics they are experiencing difficulty with or just need a little extra guidance. Also a perfect time, to complete homework or work on Mathspace.

Calculus Club is held during Tuesday Study Club in the AV Room. It is for students studying the Calculus based Mathematics subjects in Years 11 and 12. Mathematics teachers are on hand to offer students individualised assistance with these courses. Students can work through set homework exercises, review previous content, access alternative questions, receive guidance on how to approach questions and the list goes on. This will help consolidate understanding and help in preparing for any future assessments.

With Half-Yearly assessments this Semester for Years 7 to 11, it is important students are preparing, as with preparation, comes confidence. Students must ensure they have calculators for each Mathematics lesson and for their assessments.

Mrs Jane Ashcroft – Mathematics Coordinator

SPORT

NSWCCC Swimming

On Friday 29 April, Molly Johns, Kathryn Burke, Edward George, Daisy George and Eleanor George competed at the NSWCCC Swimming Championships in Homebush. Congratulations to Edward George who qualified in the 15 year boys' 50m backstroke event for the NSW All Schools to be held on Friday 6 May. Edward competed in five events, winning silver in the 15 year boys' 50m backstroke, and recording personal best times in all races.

Bill Turner Cup

On Friday 29 April, McCarthy played Carinya in the first round of the Under 15 Bill Turner Cup Soccer competition at Gipps Street Fields. Unfortunately, the young McCarthy boys were beaten by a stronger side. The lone McCarthy goal was scored by Steven Abel. Team: Luke Abel, Steven Abel, Connor Betts, Sebastian Diss, Nathan Watson, James Potter, Angus Doyle, Beau Cavallaro, Riley Evans, Cassidy Hunter, James Austin, Max Delaney, Harrsion Merrick, Nguyen Nguyen, Ethan Waters. Thank you to Mr Michael Herden for driving the bus and Mr Rindo for accompanying the students.

Touch

On 31 March, thirty-five students travelled to Inverell to compete in the Armidale Diocesan Touch Trials. Congratulations to the following students who were selected to attend the NSWCCC Touch trials in Dubbo on 7 June:

Junior girls: Miah O'Sullivan, Jada Taylor, Tyla Endemi, Phoebe McLoughlin, Olivia Whittemore, Georgia Horniman.

Senior boys: Patrick Ferguson, Jye Paterson, Tom Keogh, Will Jones, Angus Lang.

Senior girls: Rosie Ferguson, Sophie Barr, Alice Murphy, Madison Sharp, Kaylah Torode.

Thank you to Mr Nick Fahey and Miss Ellie Wade for accompanying the students and refereeing on the day.

Rugby League

Clay Frendin attended the Under 15 Diocesan Rugby League trials at North Tamworth Oval on 16 March and was selected to play in the Northern NSWCCC Rugby League selection trials at Smithtown on 5 and 6 April. There were approximately sixty boys who participated in this trial and although Clay was not selected the standard of the players was exceptionally high and he enjoyed the experience.

Athletics Carnival

The McCarthy Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 18 May at Tamworth Regional Sporting Complex. Students received a note regarding the arrangements for the carnival this week. All students are expected to attend and compete wearing their sports uniform.

Information regarding the day below:

Long Distance Events

- Students wishing to compete in the 1500 and 800 metre events will be required at the TRSC by 8.30am. These students will be required to make their own transport arrangements.

High Jump

- Students wishing to compete in high jump and do the Fosbury Flop will need to return a permission note which indicates that the student has been trained in Fosbury Flop technique. Permission notes are available from the office and are to be returned prior to the carnival

General Information

- All students are to come to school as normal and will be transported by bus to the TRSC. Students will be transported back to school at the conclusion of the carnival in time to catch normal buses home. Student drivers are not permitted to drive to and from the carnival.

- Students are advised to make their own arrangements for lunch. A canteen is available. No commercially delivered food will be allowed onto the grounds.

- No exit passes will be issued to students unless parents meet them at the TRSC and sign them out.

- Students are advised not to bring valuable items such as mobile devices.

- All students must be in House areas when not competing.

- Students who place first or second in any field event or track event final will be eligible to compete in the Diocesan Athletics Carnival which will be held in Armidale on Friday 12 August 2016. Any student absent from the McCarthy Athletics Carnival may apply through Mr Feltrin to compete at the Diocesan Carnival.

I would encourage parents to attend the carnival and support the school in what promises to be a highly spirited atmosphere.

Basketball

Congratulations to Nathaniel McGrath, Brock McMahon, Miah O'Sullivan and Josie Chick (shadow reserve) who were selected in the Under 16 NSW Country Basketball teams during the school holidays. They will compete in the Australian Basketball Championships in Melbourne in July.

Gymnastics

Congratulations to Julia Hannaford on her outstanding achievements in gymnastics. Julia has been selected in the NSW gymnastics team to compete at the Australian Championships at the end of May. Julia's selection was on the back of her excellent results achieved at the NSW Championships in which she was placed 4th overall in Level 10 gymnastics.

Most recently Julia won the 'Mitchell Brady Award' for Gymnastics. As a result of her achievement Julia was rewarded with a trip to New Zealand where she attended the ANZAC Day Parade Dawn Service in Gore, leading the parade carrying the Australian flag.

Good luck at the Nationals.

