

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer

(From Pope Francis' prayer Intentions for June 2016)

We pray for Universal Human Solidarity

That the aged, marginalised,
and those who have no one may find,
even within the huge cities of the world,
opportunities for encounter and solidarity.
Amen

Reflection

Pope Francis has invited each one of us to pray with him this month for the aged, marginalised and all those who are experiencing loneliness and isolation. Please find the link below for a short video reflection developed by the Pope World Prayer Network and so do our part in praying with Pope Francis for the betterment of humanity.

http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/06/02/pope_francis_prayer_intention_for_june_human_solidarity/1234307

Diary Dates

19 June: Book Launch
20 June: Eisteddfod
22 June: Board & Association Meetings
22 June: Diocesan Soccer – Inverell
24 June: Senior Music Workshop
29 June: Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 P/T Interviews
30 June: Newcastle University Open Day
1 July: Term 2 concludes
2 July: Federal Election
18 July: Pupil Free Day
19 July: Term 3 commences for students
19 July: Board & Association Meetings
20 July: University Information Evening 7pm
26 July: Year 9 English Performance
26 July: Year 10 HSIE Performance
27 July: School Photos

PRINCIPAL MATTERS



Core Catholic Principles and Values Professional Development Day

McCarthy Catholic College was privileged to host the Tablelands Schools at the College on June 3 for a teacher Professional Development Day on the Sanctity of Life. Our staff generously and expertly hosted over 180 teaching staff and Catholic Schools Office staff from Armidale, Quirindi, Tamworth, Manilla and Gunnedah in our beautiful facilities. It was a prime opportunity to 'road-test' our state-of-the-art learning spaces in the new Our Lady of the Rosary Cultural Centre, as well as immerse ourselves in contemporary learning based on the Core Catholic Principles and values of the Armidale Diocese. I congratulate all involved in the preparation, planning, set-up, IT, catering, hospitality and clean-up of such an extensive event. To name all of the individuals who contributed runs the risk of forgetting someone, so I will avoid that mistake. However, the spirit of welcome and camaraderie felt amongst our fellow Catholic educators was palpable and

grew from the significant forethought and hard work displayed by our staff and made for an informative and stimulating day. Similarly, we were exposed to a wide variety of stimulus on such topics as the Stewardship of God's Creation; The Beginning of Life; and Caring for God's Earth that will support our teacher's future capacity to embed the 2nd Core Catholic Principle - The Sanctity of Life into the curriculum.

Principal's Meeting

Last week I attended the Term 2 Armidale Diocese Principals' Meeting. On Tuesday the principals joined with the parish priests of the Diocese to be addressed by Dr Matthew Tan. The focus of his address was the mission of the Church in the contemporary world. The principals also looked at the 'drivers' in a Catholic Professional Learning Community and effective coaching for student and teacher learning as well as compliance issues for schools and the status of the review into service provision for students with Special and Additional Needs. We were also privileged to join with the Bishop and Priests in celebrating Mass in the newly renovated Chapel of Our Lady of Angels.

All-Up Fee

Thank you to those families that offered feedback to the School Board, Father Joe Adriano and myself regarding the introduction of an all-up fee from 2017. This feedback will now be discussed at the meeting on June 22 and a final decision communicated to families as soon as possible. Thank you again for working in partnership with us as we determine more effective ways of supporting the service delivery for students and families of McCarthy Catholic College.

Toastmasters Youth Leadership

The recent Toastmasters Youth Leadership course came to a strong conclusion last week with thirteen graduates from Year 11 delivering passionate speeches that showcased the growth and confidence that the students had gained across the six week course. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to my attendance at the Principal's meeting in Armidale. However, by all reports the students acquitted themselves admirably and their families should be very proud of the student's courage and skilful ability to speak confidently in public. I thank Mrs Katrina Sullivan and Mrs Cate Allen for their preparation and support of such an important program. Deep appreciation is also offered to the Tamworth Toastmasters for their support in nurturing our talented youth.

Morning Drop Off

A reminder to parents to please use the designated zones for morning drop off ie the kerb after the crossing in front of the administration office, or behind the hall.

May your God go with you.

Mr Geoff McManus – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**St Agnes Conference**

This week the St Agnes Conference was visited by the Diocesan Youth Coordinator, Mr Mike O'Kane. Mike spoke to the students about the importance of the work they do and especially of the values that are being developed in them as young Catholics. Mike was able to observe the students as they workshopped ways to promote their profile within the school with a view to breaking down some common misconceptions held by students about Vinnies and engaging wider membership in the St Agnes Conference.

Mrs Cate Allen – Mission and Spiritual Formation Coordinator

PASTORAL CARE**Welcome**

We welcome Atharva Dighe (Year 10) and his family to the McCarthy community.

Mrs Libby Molony – Pastoral Care Coordinator

PARENT INFORMATION**Meeting**

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 22 June** at 7.15pm in the Board Room. Please note change of date. All welcome.

Trivia Night

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

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Half-Yearly Examinations are now complete. As students receive their results it is an opportune time to reflect on their preparation. What worked? What needs to improve? I have seen many students who have set realistic and achievable goals, students who are prepared to do the work that is required, who subsequently achieve at high levels.

Parent/Teacher Interviews for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 are on Wednesday 29 June from 3.30pm – 7.30pm and I encourage parents to make an online booking with their child's teachers. By coming along to Parent/Teacher Interviews, parents/guardians are able to receive further feedback about their child/ren and to formulate strategies for improvement. Information about how to book online will be emailed with reports on 20 June.

Year 10 students will be given information about subject selections for Preliminary 2017 early next term. We will have student workshops during the day and a parent evening organised. More information to come.

Year 12 students will be given their Trial Examination timetable via Mentor groups. Students must attend the published days and times.

Mrs Raelene Maxworthy – Teaching and Learning Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Recent opportunities for Year 12 students included:

- a talk on various University Early Entry schemes
- a video conference with Macquarie University attended by seven Year 12 students
- Newcastle University's Schools Visit Day: permission notes and money for the excursion are due June 16 June
- a talk and distribution of material on the *Big History* program being offered by Macquarie University
- notification of revision HSC lectures offered by various universities in the July holidays to assist students to prepare for their Trial HSC exams.

**Year 10 Students**

In the final weeks of this term, I will be spending several periods with each Year 10 Maths class to talk to them about options for life after they leave school. We will discuss choosing careers, pathways for future study and work experience. All Year 10 students will be shown a presentation and given a booklet to provide them with information and resources to assist them and their parents with the many decisions to be made in coming months. There will also be important information on subject selection for those continuing on to Years 11 and 12 with these decisions to be made in Term 3.

Ex-Students Attend ANZAC Day Service at Westminster Abbey, London



In April, two McCarthy Catholic College students from Year 12 2015, attended a special Centenary Service for ANZAC Day held in Westminster Abbey for gap students working at schools. Following this, a reception at Australia House with His Excellency Alexander Downer, the Australian High Commissioner, took place.

Emily Roworth and **Abbey Rutley** represented McCarthy Catholic College at Westminster Abbey from front row seats. The event was also attended by His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales.

*Mrs Susan Barrett – Careers Adviser
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HISTORY



HSC History Lectures

Last Friday, fifteen Ancient and Modern History students in Year 12 attended a day of lectures at the University of Sydney. The study days are organised by the History Teachers Association and are attended by students from all over NSW. Students were also able to visit the Nicholson Museum and see the exhibits there including ancient sarcophagi and mummies. We thank Mr Wayne Northey for driving us to and from Sydney to enable our students to receive the information from HSC markers, examiners and textbook writers.

Mrs Barrett and Miss Davis



TOASTMASTERS

2016 Toastmaster's Youth Leadership Course



Toastmasters of Tamworth offer an annual Youth Leadership course to Year 11 students and the course has been offered at McCarthy since the 1970s. Students complete a six week course in which they learn to speak confidently for an audience. Each week the course has a slightly different focus and students are taught practical speech making skills. Lectures range from basic rules such as avoiding the words 'um' and 'ah', to how to stand, use visual aids and structure a speech effectively.

The graduation at the end of the course requires students to demonstrate what they have learnt about the craft of speechmaking. The Judy Woodgate Memorial Trophy is presented to the student who best demonstrates those skills. Judy Woodgate was a dedicated Toastmaster and her family donated a perpetual trophy in her memory to be awarded to a Year 11 student at the conclusion of the Youth Leadership Course each year. The 2016 recipient of this prestigious award

is Katherine Sleiman. Second and third place were awarded to Jaydon Merrick and Karie Mayman respectively.

McCarthy Catholic College wishes to thank the Toastmasters who volunteered their time to this valuable program, especially Lia Mahony who coordinated the course this year. Other Toastmasters who participated in the delivery of the course were: Suzanne O'Keefe, Rob Philp, Elizabeth Hingston, Sarah Massey, Lyndall Elliott, Cory Fagan, James Carmody, Craig Tilse, Emma Howey, David McKinnon, John Hyde, Kevin Hunter and Eric Elsley. We congratulate the following students on their successful completion of the course: Amanda Leone, Isabelle Turner, Alix Sills, Libbi Maher, Jack Murray, Nicholas Mitchell, Daniel Glasson, Jack Croake, Isabelle Ambrose and Sophie Pennell.

Mrs Katrina Sullivan – English Coordinator

SPORT

Soccer

Congratulations to Tyla Endemi on being selected in the Northern NSW State Football side. She was also invited to play in the U17s FFA Girls Nationals team at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. This will have the most talented female footballers from across the country in the U17s age group.

Touch Football

On Tuesday 7 June, the following students travelled to Dubbo to compete in the NSWCCC Touch Trials: Patrick Ferguson, Rosie Ferguson, Georgia Horniman, Will Jones, Tom Keogh, Angus Lang, Olivia Miller, Alice Murphy, Madison Sharp, Jada Taylor, Kaylah Torode and Olivia Whittemore. Unfortunately, no students gained selection on this occasion.

Cochrane Cup

Netball

The Year 9-10 Netball team played in Armidale on Wednesday 9 June in the Cochrane Cup. McCarthy defeated St Philomena's, Moree 21- 5, Holy Trinity, Inverell 25-0, O'Connor Catholic College A 11-9 and O'Connor Catholic College B 29-1. McCarthy girls lost their last round to St Mary's, Gunnedah 13-20 which resulted in the girls playing off for first and second place in the finals. McCarthy girls played to the highest of standards but unfortunately lost to St Mary's, Gunnedah in the final 16-21.

Team: Megan Cruickshank, Stacey Thrift, Abbie Wieland, Sophie Reid, Kate Lane, Hannah Roworth, Briony Littlejohns, Emma Higgins, Breanna Williams and Ashleigh Horniman.

Mrs Chloe Bushell

Under 16 Rugby League

The Under 16s played two close games during the Cochrane Cup carnival. They drew their first game 2-2 with Inverell and lost in the late stages of their second match with Armidale 2-1. Well done on the efforts of the Year 9 and 10 students who represented McCarthy and to Jake Vost who was given the Players' Player Award.

Team: Clay Frenidin, Adrian Engelbrecht, Rowan Statham, Mitchell Bird, Caleb Stevens, Mackenzie Ashcroft, Jake Vost, Doughal O'Reilly, Barry Lane, Hayden McGregor, Zac Clark, Scott Flanagan and Conor Lang.

Mr Nick Fahey



Under 14 Rugby League

The U14s team travelled to Armidale to participate in the Cochrane Cup. The team played St Mary's, Gunnedah, Holy Trinity, Inverell, St Philomena's, Moree and O'Connor Catholic College, Armidale. After losing the first game against Holy Trinity the team bounced back to win the remaining three games to win through to the Round 2 of the Cochrane Cup. All the team participated well and showed great discipline and commitment. The next game will be against Aberdeen. (Date TBA)

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to contest the U15 Diocesan Rugby League Trials next year: Tom Croake, Jack Murphy, Izack Fox, Cameron Lane and Corey Aitken.

Team: Ethan Russell, Liam Ball, Jack Murphy, Oscar Dietrich, Bailey Rock, Cameron Lane, Corey Aitken, Izack Fox, Tom Ferguson, Bailey Young, Luke Wallace, Ben Wallace, Tom Croake, Jim Zell, Tom Lange, Zeus Souter and Seth Waters.

Mr Damian Kenniff

Coonabarabran North West Equestrian Expo

On 2 June, eleven students travelled to Coonabarabran to compete for five days at the 2016 Coonabarabran North West Equestrian Expo. Over one hundred schools competed, five hundred students and their horses. The following results show the wide range of disciplines at the Expo and the talented students we have.

Alex Watt (Year 11) won her division of the C grade ODE, was awarded the 2016 Expo Rug and placed second in the Show Jumping and Hacking events.

Sam Collett (Year 12) placed in most of his events, winning the Warrumbungle Way and was awarded Reserve Champion 17 years boy.

McCarthy students had teams competing in Polocrosse, Team Barrel, Horse Ball and Team Penning.

Our team of fours consisting of Natasha Achurch, Alex Watt, Paige Leonard and Hope Taylor were extremely polished.

Sam Collett, Alina Goor-Ditchfield, Mykenzie Semple and Melanie Young competed in the Horseball.

Alina Goor-Ditchfield was 1st in Time Trial, placed in Show Jumping, ODE and, along with Mykenzie Semple and Melanie Young, placed in the Team Penning.

Our three Barrel teams consisted of Natasha, Georgia and Olivia Achurch; Sam Collett, Alex Watt and Hope Taylor; and Alina Goor-Ditchfield, Mykenzie Semple and Melanie Young.

All students displayed excellent sportsmanship and good manners.



Mrs Julie Kellahan – Equestrian Coordinator

Gymnastics



Congratulations to Julia Hannaford on her recent success as a member of the NSW team at the Australian Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne.

Julia competed on Level 10 in the U16s division. In the team event, Julia and her team, won a bronze medal. In her individual event Julia finished 10th overall in Australia.

This is a fantastic achievement for Julia and a wonderful reward for her dedication and commitment to gymnastics.



2016 Athletics Age Champions