Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer

God of mercy,
Help us this week to reach out

to the broken of this world,
with understanding minds and compassionate hearts.

Amen

Reflection

The Old Testament gives us some very good insight into the merciful heart of God and provides for us a guide for the development of our own ‘merciful’ hearts. In Exodus 34:6-7, we are told that our God is, “A God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,” and in Psalm 147:3, 6, “He heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds … The Lord lifts up the downtrodden”, and in Psalm 136, “… his mercy endures forever.” In God’s dealings with the sin and unfaithfulness of his Chosen People in the Old Testament, the anger he at times feels is always followed quickly by his compassion and mercy, “In overflowing wrath for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you” (Is. 54:8).

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Student Success

Further reading of this edition of the newsletter showcases some amazing and unique achievements by the talented students of McCarthy Catholic College. From viral YouTube clips to Eisteddfod awards and State representation in sport, our students have exceeded expectations and are to be publically commended for the hard work and dedication that has brought such success. It once again proves the point that with hard work and commitment to a goal, success will come as a reward. Not one of these gifted performers and athletes simply showed up the day before to compete or perform. There are hours and hours of work required to perform well on stage, in the recording studio or on the hockey pitch. Well done and congratulations to everyone and I also offer our thanks to those wonderful staff and parents who coach, teach and support our students in training and rehearsing for their opportunities to succeed. Well done and thank you.

Staffing

We recently farewelled Mr Paul Hobbs from McCarthy as he moves into a well-deserved period of retirement. Paul has successfully taught in a number of different schools and systems across New South Wales and began teaching at McCarthy in 2000. At a farewell luncheon last week, teaching colleagues spoke of his wonderful sense of humour and his great ability to build positive working relationships with all students, particularly those that can struggle in the classroom. Similarly, we also farewelled Mr Nick Fahey who has decided to change school systems to follow an alternate career path. Nick leaves us as a highly regarded teacher of Mathematics and Technology who also contributed willingly to the extra-curricular activities at the college. I publically thank Paul and Nick for their dedication and commitment to the McCarthy Catholic College community.

I also welcome new staff to McCarthy from the beginning of next term. Mrs Natalie Deacon (English/RE) and Mrs Ramona Walsh (Science/Technology) join Mrs Erin Bice and Mr Rob Meppem who return from periods of extended leave. I also take this opportunity to thank Miss Tegan Brodbeck, Mrs Chloe Bushell and Mr Frank Patricks for their expert support and professionalism while undertaking periods of contract teaching recently.

All-Up Fee

The School Board has listened to the quality feedback from families regarding the proposed all-up fee being implemented from 2017. In response we have decided to stage the introduction of an all-up fee from 2017 for Year 7 only. Existing year levels in 2017 (8 to 12) will continue to pay separately for extras such as excursions and camps, as they have done previously. Thank you for the authentic participation in the consultation process.

Change to Starting Time from Term 3

In response to industrial requirements that relate to hours of duty for teaching staff, we will be initiating a six-month trial from Tuesday 19 July of a slight change to the bell times that begin the school day.

The Warning Bell for students to move to Mentor Group will ring at 8.45am.

Students will be expected to be at their Mentor Group room at 8.50am.

Academic classes will then begin at 9.00am.

There will be no change to the 3.00pm finish time for classes.

I trust that this slight change does not present any difficulties to families and their morning travel plans.

Pupil Free Day

Please note: Monday 18 July is a PUPIL FREE DAY. Teaching staff will be involved in professional development.

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MCCARThy OFFICE HOURS: 7.30am – 4.00pm
Term 3 will commence at 8.45am on Tuesday 19 July.

Enjoy the downtime with your sons and daughters. May your God go with you.  

Mr Geoff McManus – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
On the Liturgical front, this term has been very rich with Year group celebrations of the Eucharist as well as our whole school celebration of the feast of Blessed Edmund Rice; a tradition we introduced this year in an effort to bring alive our links with the Christian Brothers, who in addition to the Dominican Sisters, established Catholic Education in Tamworth. The term ended with Year 7 RE classes each celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On behalf of the College I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Fathers Joe and Joseph for supporting our Liturgical program.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Paul Hobbs, whom we formally farewelled at the end of term, for his commitment and support of the work and initiatives of McCarthy students in the St Agnes Conference.

And finally, it is with great pride and gratitude that I thank the St Agnes Conference and school community for their support of the annual Tacky Tracky Day for the St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal which raised $838.20.

Mrs Cate Allen – Mission and Spiritual Formation Coordinator

PARENT INFORMATION

Meeting
Our next meeting is Tuesday 19 July at 7.15pm in the Board Room. All welcome.

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

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Term 2 has been a productive term and I congratulate students on their application and enthusiastic approach to learning.

Half-Yearly Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews are important ingredients in communicating what work needs to be done to improve. What students choose to do with that feedback is vitally important. Earlier this year, I spoke with Year 12 students and discussed the ‘choice point’ as being the point where you make the decision to do the work in order to achieve your goals. I encourage all students to listen to the recommendations and use them to their advantage.

For Year 12, the upcoming school holidays should be thought of as ‘stuvac’ or study vacation, not a ‘school holiday’. Year 12 have received their Trial HSC Examination timetable and students must follow the procedures and times listed carefully. Many of these examinations will present the opportunity for students to increase their performance. It is never too late. I encourage students to prepare these holidays and to show their gratitude for staff who have so generously offered to make themselves available for study sessions.

Year 10 students have been participating in careers lessons with Mrs Barrett in preparation for Subject Selection for Preliminary 2017.

Holidays are a useful time to replenish the supplies students require in their classes. Please ensure your child has the necessary stationery and equipment in order to get on with the business of learning in Term 3.

Congratulations to Abbie Anderson (Year 12) who was named School Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year at the 2016 NSW (New England Region) Training Awards for Business Services. Abbie has a clear pathway for further study post school, which is one of the main goals of vocational education and training in schools. She is very grateful to all of her teachers for their support.

Enjoy the break and stay warm.

Mrs Raelene Maxworthy – Teaching and Learning Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Careers Talk on UQ
Ex-student, Jack Pianta, returned to McCarthy and addressed a group of Year 12 students on his experiences studying at the University of Queensland and staying at Union College.

University Information Evening Wednesday 20 July 2016
This information evening is for all Year 12 students who wish to apply to university and their parents. It will be held in the Our Lady of the Rosary Culture Centre 7.00pm-8.30pm and cover all aspects of applying, costs, important dates, deferring etc. We will have two 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.

Mrs Susan Barrett – Careers Adviser

careers@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au
LIBRARY NEWS
Our latest Library display focussed on Music with books from various genres and biographies of musicians from classical to rock’n’roll to contemporary performers such as Taylor Swift.

MUSIC
Cadence
On 16 and 17 May, Kiarra Ruttley (Year 11), Hayden Davy (Year 12) and ourselves (Georgia Volk, (Year 10) and Tom Rindo, (Year 10) attended a song writing workshop with critically acclaimed industry professionals, JP Fung and Christian Lo Russo, to create an original song and record it. With the help of JP and Christian we created the song titled ‘Blame’.

Last weekend, Kiarra posted a video of our song on Facebook. We were shocked to see hundreds of likes. This prompted us to upload it to YouTube. Originally it received around 800 views, this skyrocketed to nearly 5,000 after being played multiple times on 92.9 radio station. After being in contact with the radio, we were offered an on air interview which we accepted. We’ve also been given the opportunity to perform a live acoustic version on air.

This experience has been so amazing and unexpected. We would like to give a huge thanks to JP, Christian, Mrs Lane and Gio Sancho (created the film) for helping with this project, and to APRA AMCOS the songmakers program for making this possible.

Georgia Volk and Tom Rindo

EISTEDDFOD
Choir
The College Chorale competed in the Tamworth Eisteddfod on Monday 20 June. They placed 3rd in the Secondary Schools’ Section and received a Highly Commended Award in the Open Age Chamber Choir Section. The choir of twenty-two students received constructive and encouraging comments from the adjudicator and enjoyed participating. The Chorale was conducted by Mr Tim Godden, accompanied by Ms Katherine Harvey, and thank you to Mr Bill Merrick for driving the bus.

Choir: Veronica Borchard, Megan Filicietti, Maeve Galvin, Kushani Thanippuli, Ethan Waters, Tom Elwin, Eden Filicietti, Carter Griffiths, Maddison Hewitt, Georgia Palmer, Chloe Radoll, Madison Singh, Lauren Hutchinson, Augustine Mundele-Turner, Maggie Fulwood, Eleanor George, Olivia Jeffrey, Sarah Vella, Josie Hughes, Jaydon Merrick, Molly Moroney and Emerson Ring.

Band
On Tuesday 22 June the McCarthy Bands competed at the Tamworth Eisteddfod. All groups performed at a very high standard and received good praise from both the adjudicator and the audience.

Intermediate Band
It was the first time the Intermediate Band has performed. They came 2nd by one point in the Novice section playing Gallant March and The Hey Song.

The Intermediate Band: Jacob Barnes, Eliza Dawson, John Wong, Kate Gulliford, Kayla Higgisson, Keona Wallace, Chloe Radoll, Tom Macpherson, Steven Abel, Isabelle Orman.

Brass Quintet
The Brass Quintet of Jessica Higgins, Matthew Letton, Eleanor George, Ryan Thompson and Jeffrey Wong achieved 1st place in the Under 19 Chamber group performing Darktown Strutters Ball and Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Brass Ensemble
The Brass Ensemble (Jessica Higgins, Matthew Letton, Eleanor George, Ryan Thompson, Jeffrey Wong, Jack Lange, Edward George, Kelsea Kerr and Daniel Glasson) achieved 2nd place by one point in the Under 19 Small Ensemble performing Mancini’s Magic and Swinging with the Mountain King.

Concert Band
The Concert Band achieved a close 2nd place (by one point) performing Superheroes R Us and The Sound of Music.

Concert Band: Jeffrey Wong, Thomas Macpherson, Michelle Coates, Samuel Cohen, John Wong, Emily Klease, Keona Wallace, Anne Coates, Kathryn Burke, Kaylah Higgisson, Chloe Radoll, Molly Trehy, Eleanor George, Chris Macpherson, Daniel Glasson, Brenna Fox, Jaydon Merrick, Jasmine Tan, Hayden Davy, Joshua Cornthwaite, Matthew Letton, Kelsea Kerr, Jessica Higgins, Jack Lange, Edward George, Ryan Thompson, Alana Noonan, Veronica Borchard, Augustine Mundele-Turner, Emily Thompson, Kate Gulliford.
**Jazz Band**
The Jazz Band competed in two sections. They achieved 1st place in the Under 19 section performing *Tuxedo Junction* and *Moves Like Jagger*. In the Open Section they placed 3rd (again by only one point) performing *RESPECT* and *Sesame Street*. Special mention must be made of the soloists - Eleanor George, Jessica Higgins, Jeffrey Wong and Hayden Davy for their solos. It was a fantastic effort by all the students involved. They work hard every week rehearsing and I really appreciate their dedication and commitment.

*Mrs Lisa Lane*

**CFS**
On Monday 20 June, the Year 11 Community and Family Studies class had some special little visitors to the classroom. Seven children aged between 3 months and 5 years came in so the CAFS students could complete an observation. The students observed the children at play and looked at the different stages of the lifespan and the specific needs of each child. We thank Cooper, Anja, Nina, Lachlan, Eli, Lucy, Tess and their parents for coming to visit us.

*Mrs Ashleigh Jones – CFS Teacher*

**INDIGENOUS NEWS**
Congratulations to both Abbie Anderson and Carl Herden who were both selected from hundreds of candidates throughout NSW to attend the UNSW Indigenous Winter School program. This program is specifically for Indigenous students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who are considering further studies beyond secondary school. The week long residential program takes place in the first week of the school holidays and is designed to provide students with the opportunity to experience what university life is all about, through participation in academic lectures and tutorials, presentations, study sessions, team building activities, interacting with university staff, current students and fellow applicants, cultural activities and more. Both students were required to submit applications which outlined the reasons they felt made them the best candidates for the limited placements. Again congratulations to both students for outstanding applications which have led to this success. We hope the experience is above and beyond your expectations. In addition, Tom Keogh will be attending the Bunga Barrabugu Winter School at the University of Sydney. The Bunga Barrabugu Winter Program is an invitation-only, week-long academic intensive workshop to prepare Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 12 students for their end of school exams. Students attend academic workshops presented by expert tutors and undertake exam practice and preparation. During the week students meet academic representatives from faculties to discuss preferences and pathways and may have the opportunity to meet with industry partners. Congratulations to Tom and we hope he enjoys the program.

*Mrs Joelene Faint – Aboriginal Education Assistant*

**FREE FREE FREE**
McCarthy Catholic College has some past Year books to give away from 2000 through to 2014. If anyone is interested in one, two or more, please contact Mrs Julie Kellahan via email jkellahan@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au

*The 2015 School Year book is still available from the school office for 2015 Year 12 students.*

*Mrs Julie Kellahan – Year Book Coordinator*

**SPORT**

**Hockey**
Congratulations to Harper Galvin who was selected in the NSW Under 16 All Schools’ Hockey Team. He will compete at the Australian Championships in Melbourne on 7 – 13 August. We wish him well.

**Cross Country**
Daisy George and Tyhla Condrick competed at the NSWCCC Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek on Friday 17 June. Unfortunately, Daisy and Tyhla were unplaced on this occasion.

**Diocesan Soccer – Inverell**
On Wednesday 22 June three teams travelled to Inverell to contest the annual Armidale Diocesan Secondary Soccer Gala Day. The Junior boys’ played three matches. They were defeated 2-0 in their first match by Holy Trinity, Inverell, and 4-0 by St Mary’s, Gunnedah. McCarthy played Holy Trinity in the final and were narrowly defeated 2-1. Their actions on and off the field must be commended.
The Open boys’ team played two matches, the first against O’Connor Catholic College, Armidale, losing 4-2. Ben Foster and Tom Rindo were the goal scorers for McCarthy. We defeated St Mary’s, Gunnedah, 6-2. Our senior players represented the school amiably displaying excellent manners and behaviour on and off the field.


The Open girls’ team was comprised of students from Year 7 through to Year 12 and played two games against O’Connor Catholic College, Armidale. We drew the first game 2-2 with Alicia Guest displaying exceptional goal keeping skills. However, we lost the second match 3-1. Congratulations to all the girls for a fine performance on and off the field.

Team: Caitlin Wallace, Sienna O’Mally, Tameka Frewen, Kelsea Kerr, Maddison Simon, Almea Faulkner, Georgia Curtis, Molly Johns, Georgia Nelson, Alicia Guest and Adelaide Tinson.

Thank you to Mr Joshua Walker and Mrs Tanya Laird for braving the harsh conditions on the day and assisting with supervision and coaching.

Mr Ronny Rindo

Basketball

On Sunday 19 June McCarthy teams competed in the Junior Basketball Grand Final Gala Day at the Sportsdome. Congratulations to McCarthy Diamonds, McCarthy Emeralds and McCarthy Hornets who won their respective secondary school competitions. McCarthy Rubies, McCarthy Spurs, McCarthy Opals, McCarthy Nicks and McCarthy Heat were runners-up in their division.

Results were as follows:

Thank you to the coaches of the teams for their time and dedication to basketball.

Nomination forms for the Semester 2 competition are now available from the Bookroom and are to be returned by Friday 22 July.

Girls Rugby

McCarthy Catholic College girls competed in the inaugural Friday night competition. Fifteen girls from Years 10-12 played. The girls played some great Rugby over the term, made huge improvements and came away with some wins over Tamworth High and Oxley High and losses to Peel. Thank you to Harry Mills (Year 12) for coaching the girls and Mr Bernie Williams for teaching the girls the basic techniques. The team looks forward to an even bigger season next year.

Mrs Ashleigh Jones

20th American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup

Natasha Rapley (Year 12) is currently competing in the biannual 20th American Quarter Horse World Cup. Youth teams have come from twelve countries for the international horse spectacular; France, Israel, Canada, Ireland, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Denmark, USA and United Kingdom. The 2016 event commenced on Friday 24 June with the Opening Ceremony at the Australian Equine & Livestock Events Centre in Tamworth. There are 110 competitors, competing over ten days. The event is a showcase of the superior horsemanship, leadership and camaraderie amongst the youth attending. It is the second time Tamworth has been chosen to host the World Cup and the sixth time it has been held in Australia since it was created in 1978. Fellow McCarthy students with equestrian backgrounds attended the Opening Ceremony to support Natasha in her adventurous endeavour. Sam Collett (Year 12) rode in the Opening Ceremony carrying the Australian flag. We wish Natasha all the best in the competition.

Mrs Julie Kellahan – Equestrian Coordinator

Horse Ball World Cup

Two McCarthy students, Alina Goor-Ditchfield and Melanie Young, are amongst twelve representatives from the New England and North West who will travel to Ponte de Lima, Portugal in August to compete in the Horse Ball World Cup. The team has been working with Portuguese coach JJ Campeao, a former internationally-ranked player, to improve their set plays, passing and communication. Alina and Melanie have only been in the sport for two years. Horse Ball is a game played on horseback where a ball is handled and points are scored by shooting it through a hoop with a diameter of 1m. The sport is like a combination of polo, rugby and basketball. It is one of the ten disciplines officially recognised by the international Federation for Equestrian Sports. We wish both Alina and Melanie all the best for their time in Portugal and hope the Australian team does well.

Mrs Julie Kellahan – Equestrian Coordinator
2016
Uni Info
Evening
for students & parents at
McCarthy Catholic College

Term 3 Week 1: Wednesday July 20th
7.00pm – 8.30pm in the Rosary Centre

Topics include:
- Understanding the ATAR
- UAC and QTAC – application processes
- Educational Access Scheme
- Early Entry & SRS Schemes – changes for 2017
- Dates & deadlines for 2016 and 2017
- Bonus ATAR points
- Preferences & choosing courses
- Financial costs & how to pay
- Changes to youth allowance
- Scholarships
- Uni offers & acceptances
- Accommodation
- Deferring Uni - why, how, why not
- Gap year options
- What if I don’t get into uni?

Meet representatives from University of Wollongong, UNE, and St Alberts College (UNE).
say cheese

School Photo Day is Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th July 2016

Have your child’s school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t 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 correct money as no change is given.

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