

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer

“Listen, I am at the door, knocking;
if you hear my voice and open the door
I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.” (Rev 3:20)

Lord, protect us, your pilgrim people.
As we journey towards our home in heaven,
bless us with a sense of adventure and a sense of security.
As we seek to be home-makers here on earth,
both with our loved-ones and in our parish communities,
may we create for each other an experience of Christian welcome
that puts us in touch with you
and gives us a foretaste of what home will be like for ever.

Amen

Diary Dates

11 Aug: Music Excursion – Brisbane
12 Aug: Diocesan Athletics – Armidale
15 Aug: HSC Trials conclude
16 Aug: ICAS Mathematics
16 Aug: Board & Association Meetings
17 Aug: Europe Excursion Meeting
18 Aug: School Photos catch-up day
25 Aug: Young Drivers Expo
27 Aug: Trivia Night
29 Aug: Creative Arts Evening
30 Aug: Science & Engineering Challenge
30 Aug: Year 10 VALID test
1 Sept: Diocesan Basketball – Tamworth
8 Sept: Whole School Mass
9 Sept: Walkathon
14 Sept: Year 12 Graduation Mass 6pm
15 Sept: Year 11 Exams commence
15 Sept: Catholic Schools Celebrate
16 Sept: NSWCCC Athletics – Homebush
20 Sept: Board & Association Meetings
21 Sept: Year 12 Farewell Assembly
23 Sept: Term 3 concludes

Reflection

The theme for this year's St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal calls us to "Rethink Homelessness This Winter". Homelessness can take many forms; the homelessness of young people in city areas; the homelessness of whole communities in refugee shelters; the homelessness of many forgotten in nursing homes and mental institutions and, as well, we need to be conscious of the many in our society who apparently live quite normal, secure lives who are deeply homeless in a spiritual way. Many who have a physical home to go to have no spiritual home, no place of enduring meaning and ultimate tranquillity where they can find rest.

This week we might keep in our prayers the young Vincentians from our diocese who gather for the annual Vinnies Camp at Lake Keepit.

Mrs Cate Allen – Mission and Spiritual Formation

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Subject Selection

As the Year 10 and 8 students move through the next few weeks, they will be making some significant choices about their future patterns of study that will ultimately prepare them for a valued position in a contemporary Australian workforce. As most would note when reading the newspaper or listening to business analysts in recent times, the modern Australian workforce will continue to change rapidly. Hence, the jobs that had engaged previous generations may not exist or exist in their current format into the future. Consequently, we have been working hard with our McCarthy students to reinforce the value of diversity, hard work and initiative to prepare for this modern context. We have especially highlighted the need for a broad base of high academic and vocational achievement to prepare for alternate career pathways that may present themselves. Who knows what sort of opportunities will exist in 2019 for our current Year 10 students? What sort of employment would our Year 8 students expect to apply for in 2021? No matter the answers, the bottom line is to work hard, show initiative and be open to new ways of doing things. Special thanks to Mrs Maxworthy, Mrs Barrett, Mrs Gale and the Teaching and Learning team for their expert input and support of our students in providing a detailed landscape of information from which students can make informed decisions about their futures.

Queensland Catholic Music Festival

We wish our College Bands well this week as they travel to Brisbane to participate, for the first time, in the Queensland Catholic Music Festival. The QCMF has had an exciting history since its creation in 1991. The festival provides opportunities for Catholic schools to perform, to come together, to listen to one another, and to receive good positive feedback from professional adjudicators. The past 25 years have seen this festival grow from a humble start in 1991 with 12 Queensland Catholic schools gathering together to recognize great achievements in Catholic Music Education. That message hasn't changed, although the scope and breadth of the event surely has. The 2015 Festival ran for four days across seven separate venues, welcoming 97 schools and colleges from various locations throughout Queensland and interstate; 475 separate ensembles and over 13,100 student performances, receiving comments from nationally recognised adjudicators. We look forward to hearing of the success of our bands in the coming weeks as they grow their performance capacity at this unique festival. Thank you to Mrs Lane, Mr Godden and Mr Merrick for their expert support of the tour.

Congratulations

Eleanor George recently entered the Brotherhood of St Lawrence Writing Competition, The Hope Prize, and has won the Emerging Young Writer award. There were approximately 900 entries and Eleanor won the Under 18 section for which she received \$500 prize money! The winning stories are being compiled into a book and will be published later in the year. Congratulations Eleanor.

School Fees To Be Emailed

Previously, we have mailed school fees to all families through Australia Post. As with many schools and businesses around Australia, this is no longer a sustainable option. Consequently, as with all of our other correspondence from McCarthy, we have made the decision that from Term 3 2016 **fee statements will be emailed to families**. Please contact the school if you have not advised, or you have changed your email details. Instalment 3 was emailed last week and I ask that if any fees are overdue to please settle as soon as possible.

2016 Census

Stand up and be counted by marking your religion on the 2016 census. Saying 'yes' to your belief matters because it:

- allows people of faith, their religious leaders and government representatives to credibly and confidently contribute to the public discourse on a variety of issues such as the economy, education, healthcare and social services;
- helps to underline the importance of freedom of belief in Australia and also enables leaders to understand the proportional breakdown of beliefs so as to best nurture interfaith harmony that is a feature of our multicultural nation;
- provides decision makers with vital information for effectively planning for the future of our nation such as the location of places of worship and the many 'good works' done by people of faith across religious traditions;
- provides a snapshot of who we are, including what we value and what drives us. For so many Australians, their values and reasons for the way they act stem from their religious beliefs;
- can be used as a future determinant of the allocation of roles and government resourcing and co-funding with faith groups who make a massive contribution to society in education, healthcare and social services.

It is important that people of faith - those who are regularly connected to organised religion and those who simply regard themselves as believers - mark the faith they identify with when participating in the National Census.

(Produced by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong for all faith traditions and people of goodwill.)

May your God go with you.

Mr Geoff McManus – Principal

PASTORAL CARE

Welcome

We welcome Flynn Warwick, Year 10, Kaiden Warwick, Year 7, and their family to the McCarthy community.

NSW School Vaccination Program 2016

The next round of vaccinations will be held on Friday 4 November.

What if my child has missed a vaccine?

If your child has missed any vaccinations these will be offered at the next school clinic.

What if my child has not received all HPV vaccines before the end of 2016?

Any Year 7 student with missed doses of HPV vaccine can be caught up in 2017. Additionally, any Year 8 student who commenced HPV vaccination while in Year 7 and is yet to finish all 3 doses of HPV (and who has not received any from their local doctor) can still receive these at the next clinic at their school. Don't forget, a Record of Vaccination is given to each student for each vaccination. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

NSW Ministry of Health website: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>

Mrs Michelle Gale – Acting Pastoral Care Coordinator

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Thank you to the parents and students who attended the Subject Selection and TVET Information evenings. There is much terminology and information to absorb and if you have any questions, or would like some assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me via email. Students must return their completed, printed and signed selections to the office by 12 August.

Year 12 students have been conscientious throughout their examinations and I am sure they will continue to make good use of the remainder of the term in preparation for the HSC examinations.

With interim reports due later this term, I encourage all students to give their best effort at school and to make sure they come to every lesson prepared and ready to learn.

*Mrs Raelene Maxworthy – Teaching and Learning Coordinator
rmaxworthy@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au*

CAREERS NEWS

It has been very encouraging to see the level of support and interest from parents of Year 10 and 12 students at our information evenings this term. While it is the future choices of our students that is the primary focus, having the support of parents or guardians is vital in helping students with the choices facing them, and the decisions that need to be made.

This is a big term for students in Years 10-12.

- **Year 12:** applications for university, early entry schemes, scholarships etc;
- **Year 11:** end of Preliminary Year exams and contemplation of changes to study patterns for the HSC year;
- **Year 10:** subject choices for those continuing to Year 11 next year.

JobJump

Parents are encouraged to register with JobJump, on the McCarthy Careers page, at www.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au/careers/ or go to www.jobjump.com.au and click on **I'm new:**

- 1) Type in *McCarthy Catholic College Tamworth*
- 2) Type in our password: *brumbies*
- 3) Add your email and continue the registration process to gain access to information and relevant emails.

I strongly recommend that all parents of students in these years view the following short YouTube clip explaining how they can use JobJump to assist their children in making career, subject and course decisions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZoyckJwVg&feature=youtu.be>

Mrs Susan Barrett, Careers Adviser.
Email: careers@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au

CONGRATULATIONS



Recently, Year 11 student Alex Watt, travelled to South Australia to compete in the South Australian Junior Heifer Expo, the largest and most successful junior beef industry educational event in Australia. Alex was placed third in her Heifer class and first in her class for Paraders. We congratulate Alex on her achievement.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER NEWS

Congratulations to Year 12 student Abbie Anderson who was recently awarded School Based Trainee of the Year Finalist and 2016 Trainee of the Year in Business Services (2016 NSW Training Awards). Abbie is commended for her consistent effort and commitment in both her studies and in the workplace. We wish Abbie the very best of luck in all her future endeavours.

Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program

Each year, hundreds of Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students gather at the University of Sydney in January to explore potential university options at the Wingara Mura (*A Thinking Path*) – Bunga Barrabugu (*To Make Tomorrow*) Summer Program. Participants stay on campus and participate in lectures and hands on tutorials as well as learning about pathways to higher education and the financial and academic support available. Senior students are then invited back for the Bunga Barrabugu Winter Program which is an intensive week of academic preparation leading up to their Trials and HSC.

Applications for the 2017 Summer Program are now open. Please contact Mrs Jolene Faint (Aboriginal Education Assistant) at the school on 67610800 for more information and an application pack. Assistance with applications is also available.

Indigenous School Based Traineeship

An opportunity has become available, in Tamworth, for an Indigenous School Based Traineeship with **NAB**. The position will entail bank teller duties and the successful applicant will be required to study Certificate II in Business. Any current Year 10 indigenous students who may be interested in this traineeship for the 2017 school year should see Mrs Faint.



Mrs Jolene Faint – Aboriginal Education Assistant

PARENT INFORMATION

Meeting

The next meeting of the McCarthy Association is on **Tuesday 16 August** at 7.15pm in the Board Room. All welcome.

Trivia Night

The Association's annual Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 27 August in the McCarthy hall. See attached flyer for details.

SPORT

NIAS Awards

Miah O'Sullivan and Nathaniel McGrath were recently named NIAS Female and Male Athletes of the Year respectively. Miah and Nathaniel have had an outstanding year in their chosen sport of basketball. They are members of the Tamworth Thunderbolts Under 16 Women's and Men's teams respectively and recently competed at the 2016 Academy Games on the Central coast as members of the inaugural NIAS Women's and Men's Basketball teams. Both teams won the Gold medal and were undefeated throughout the tournament. Both Miah and Nathaniel were named in the All Star 5 at the conclusion of the tournament. Earlier this year, they were each selected in the NSW Country Tour Under 16 teams and from there were selected in the Australian Country teams which toured New Zealand. In July this year, they competed in the Australian Championships in Victoria as members of the 2016 NSW Country Under 16 teams. Congratulations to both Miah and Nathaniel on their outstanding achievements and we wish them well in their future sporting endeavours.

Congratulations also to Matt Hobson who was awarded NIAS Coach of the Year. Matt coaches a Year 9/10 boys' basketball team as well as a NIAS team.

Diocesan Athletics Carnival

The following students will complete in the Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Armidale on Friday 12 August:

McKenzie Alderson	Sam Ellicott	Charlotte Mills	Kira-Lee Shaw
Safia Arranz	Izack Fuller	Jake Mitchell	Aalinyah Smith
Jemma Baker	Matt Gambrell	Alice Murphy	Rowan Statham
Lyndell Boschma	Daisy George	Andrew Myers	Kushani Thanippuli
Holly Bynge	Jack Hannaford	Benjamin Nelson	Adam Wallace
Jess Clarke	Emma Higgins	Doughall O'Reilly	Caitlyn Walton
Tyhla Condrick	Georgia Horniman	Libby Painter	Jim Zell
Thomas Croake	Jude Malaga	Tristan Reed	
Kelsey Dietrich	Ethan Miller	Maddison Roach	

Successful athletes will be eligible to compete at the NSWCCC Athletics Championships at Homebush on Friday 16 September. We wish all our competitors good luck.

Mr Matt Feltrin – Sport Coordinator

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McCarthy Parent Association FUN RAISER



When: Saturday 27 August, 2016
Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm start
Where: McCarthy Catholic College Hall
Who: over 18's only !
Bonus: only \$10 per head (payable on the night)
tables of up to 10 people

Bring: your gold coins, own drinks and nibbles

RSVP: email admin@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au or phone the school on 67610800 with your name/number of people coming

Prizes for : winning table, with spot prizes
awarded throughout the night.

