

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students

Prayer

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate the splendour of true love;
to you we turn with trust.

Heavenly Father,
grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Heavenly Father,
may families never again experience violence, rejection and division;
may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing.

Heavenly Father,
make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.
Amen.

Reflection

During the month of October we are being encouraged by the Australian Catholic Bishops to pray for marriages and families. Each of the four Sundays in October will focus on aspects of marriage and family identified by the Australian Catholic Bishops. The month of prayer and petition will include prayerful reflection on the 'flourishing of [Australian] marriages and families; the need for strengthening marriages and families experiencing distress. Parishes will also pray for all who experience same 'sex attraction or gender uncertainty' and as well, for 'respectful and fair national discussion on marriage and an outcome that preserves God's plan for marriage.' (Australian Marriage and Family Council, <http://www.acmfc.org.au/month-of-prayer-and-fasting/>).

The prayer theme during October at McCarthy will reflect this request by the Australian Catholic Bishops during Mentor Group and the weekly staff briefings. As an extension of the Parish communities I encourage all members of the McCarthy community to keep marriage and family life in your prayers.

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Hearing Their Cry

A Pastoral Statement from Bishop Michael Kennedy

I recently attended the Public Hearing of the Royal Commission into the response of Catholic Church authorities to allegations of child sexual abuse by John Farrell, a former priest of the Dioceses of Armidale. I was deeply moved by the testimony given by victims and survivors and their families. I heard of their horror, pain, fear and hurt. I heard of their betrayal, of their inhuman treatment, and of the torment they continue to suffer as the abuse has long lasting effects on their lives.

The treatment they received from the Church at the time was appalling. They, and others who brought the matter into the open should have been encouraged to do so and should have been listened to. I and the Church owe them a debt of gratitude that they did bring this matter to everybody's attention for the sake and safety of children.

The Pastoral Statement Hearing Their Cry is my personal reflection following my attendance at the Royal Commission Hearing. It is my hope that by reading it you may come to an understanding of my own depth of sorrow and shame for the failings of our Church and Diocese. I know that many of you feel it too. I hope that you might also be informed of the many changes that have been taking place in the Diocese to ensure that our parishes are safe places for all the children and vulnerable in our care.

Please read it by clicking on this link to the Diocesan website.

<http://armidale.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Pastoral-statement.pdf>

Please share it with others and please keep the victims in your prayers.

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy – Bishop of Armidale

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Christine Gall who has been appointed as a Senior Office Manager. This is a new position, created to support our very busy office and to act as a Personal Assistant to the Principal. We wish her well as she begins this role and hope she enjoys the McCarthy community.

We also sadly farewell Mr Luke Adams who has accepted a new role as Head Teacher of PDHPE at St Peter's Anglican College at Broulee. Mr Adams has been a long term staff member of McCarthy for over ten years and has contributed significantly both within

and outside the classroom. I especially commend and thank Mr Adams for his initiative and hard work in developing the McCarthy Walkathon as the premier social justice immersion for our students since 2006. We wish him well and future success in his new role.

Higher School Certificate

The 2016 HSC written examinations commenced on Thursday 13 October. They will run until Friday 4 November. On behalf of the school community I wish Year 12 students all the best for the examinations. Results will be released on Thursday 15 December. Year 12 Graduation Dinner will be held on Monday 7 November.

European Tour

At the time of writing, I have just returned from the wonderful educational and cultural tour of Europe. While our heads are still spinning and our body clocks are still trying to realign themselves to Tamworth time, I publically commend the fifteen students as fine ambassadors of McCarthy Catholic College while they were away. Their willingness to learn and experience new languages, food and culture was admirable and their families should be very proud of their daughters. While a more extensive report will appear in coming newsletters and the 2016 Year Book, I would be remiss not to deeply thank Mrs Susan Barrett for her meticulous organisation and planning of the tour. The highlights of the tour included attending Mass at Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome and Basilica San Marco in Venice; walking to the top of Mt Vesuvius and being exposed to the insane waste of human life through visits to the WWI battlefields at Ypres and the Somme.

Year 12 2017 SLC

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected into the Student Leadership Council:

Isabelle Ambrose, Jack Awad, Emily Donaldson, Daniel Glasson, Nevada Mansfield, Karie Mayman, Nicholas Mitchell, Gio Sancho, Katherine Sleiman and Jeffrey Wong. Captains and Vice Captains will be announced at Award Night. We look forward to working with these students.

Manilla Road (Peel Street) Upgrade – Tribe to Jewry Streets

The NSW Government is funding a \$2.5 million upgrade of Manilla Road (Peel Street) between Tribe and Jewry Streets, North Tamworth. The project, which is designed to improve safety and relieve traffic congestion, is the next stage of upgrading Manilla Road. Delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions. Traffic control will be in place and speed limits will be reduced to 40km/h in the work area. Work is expected to be completed by March 2017. More information is available on the Tamworth Regional Council website <http://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/Council/Roads-and-Bridges/Manilla-Rd-Stage-3>

May your God go with you.

Mr Geoff McManus – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Christian Breakfast Forum

You are cordially invited to attend the inaugural Christian Breakfast Forum at Our Lady of the Rosary Cultural Centre, McCarthy Catholic College on Saturday 29 October commencing at 8.00am. Special guest speaker is Professor Neil Ormerod from the Australian Catholic University to discuss "Does Christianity Belong in a Modern World?" Tickets are available from St Nicholas Parish Office (ph: 67662228) or Darling Dental, 9 Darling Street, Tamworth at a cost of \$20.00 which includes breakfast.

PASTORAL CARE

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go to Liam Sheen and his family following the passing of his grandfather.

Mrs Libby Molony – Pastoral Care Coordinator

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Year 11

Year 11 students have been receiving feedback this week regarding their performance in their end of year exams which represent the last task of their Preliminary course. For many students, improved grades, marks and comments, rewards the hard work and dedication they have demonstrated both at school and at home. There are undeniable benefits of a study routine and regular revision. Year 11 students have been advised to attend **Year 11 Parent/Teacher evening on Wednesday 26 October from 4.00pm - 6.30pm** in the Library. This is important for students to come along with their parent or guardian, especially if they are weighing up their options for their HSC courses. Students have been made aware of the procedures around discontinuing a course and must complete the 'green form' process which includes a parent signature as well as a signature from Mrs Barrett. Students must think carefully about their choices and be clear about their goals and reasons around completing Year 12 and the HSC qualification. No student is to change classes until they have received a new timetable from me via Mentor Group.

Year 10

If there is any student in Year 10 who has been successful in gaining an Apprenticeship or Traineeship please notify me immediately as out TAFE applications are due.

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 Exams

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students should be preparing at home for their yearly examinations. The student timetable is currently being constructed and I remind all students and families that this two week period has been in the published schedules since the beginning of the year. Not all examinations are held in the hall and for many subjects this time represents the handing in and completion of important tasks such as practical projects. Students must attend school during this time and if there are extenuating circumstances

an application for Extension or Special Consideration for an Assessment Task (blue form) must be handed in with acceptable documentation such as a medical certificate. Please notify the school if your child is unavoidably absent on the day of an exam.

Year 12

Year 12 students have had a smooth start to the HSC and we continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Happy studying!

Mrs Raelene Maxworthy – Teaching and Learning Coordinator



LEGAL STUDIES

Year 11 Legal Studies students were able to experience a range of activities in Sydney last week. From watching a Supreme Court bail hearing to a Coronial Inquest, question time in Parliament and a tour of Maitland Gaol all enabling students to see their theory in practice. I thank them for the mature way they approached the activities.

Mrs Louise Vella – HSIE Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

This is an important term for many students in Years 10, 11 and 12.

Year 10

Subject selection for students continuing on to Year 11 and Work Experience for students wishing to leave at the end of this year are the current priorities.

Year 11

Possible changes to the HSC pattern of study is the main focus for current Year 11 students as they commence their HSC year. It is important that students consider the many implications of making changes especially regarding subjects required and assumed by universities and the number of units being studied. There will be a presentation given to Year 11 during Week 2 about what needs to be considered before any changes take place.

Year 12

HSC exams, job hunting and applications for scholarships and accommodation are the current focus points for our Year 12 students.

Jobs – Full-time, Gap Year, Apprenticeships, Traineeships

I am beginning to get phone calls from local employers and firms seeking to employ our school leavers for a range of jobs. I urge any students in Years 10 and 11 seeking employment, to let me know so I can contact them directly when appropriate potential jobs become available.

These students can either see me in person regarding their aims or email me at: careers@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au

Similarly if there are any parents in the McCarthy community who are seeking to employ young people, or work for a company that does, I urge them to also contact me regarding the positions.

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

PARENT INFORMATION

Meeting

The next meeting of the McCarthy Association is on **Tuesday 15 November** at 7.15pm in the Board Room. All welcome.

Mango Orders

We are conducting our ever popular Mango Fundraiser again. Spare forms are available from the office. Please note orders and money are due to the school office by **Friday 28 October** in an envelope marked "Mango Fundraiser". Tell your family and friends.

SPORT

Summer Sports

Term 4 brings the commencement of a number of our summer sports which students can participate in. I would ask that your child ensures they listen to announcements made during Mentor Group, or are signed up to the MCC Sport Google Classroom for information regarding nominations or competition entries.

Some sports that have already been listed for Term 4 include:

- Cricket: Downie Shield (NSWCCC Opens School based competition), Year 7/8 and 9/10 Diocesan Cricket Competitions, Year 7/8 and 9/10 Friday afternoon/Saturday morning competition

- Water Polo: Monday Night Secondary Schoolgirls, Tuesday Night Secondary Schoolboys competitions (nominations close Monday 17 October - Round 1 begins Tuesday 18 October. Registration forms are available from the MCC Sport Google Classroom)
- NSWCCC: Under 15 Individual Cricket Trials (expression of interest closes on Monday 24 October), Water Polo trials for Boys and Girls (expression of interest closes on Thursday 17 November)

The above mentioned sports have all been communicated to students since late last term and have closing dates fast approaching.

Sports Awards Presentation

The annual Sports Awards Presentation will be held at the College Hall on Wednesday 30 November from 9am. Nominations are now open for the Outstanding Achievement Award.

The Outstanding Sporting Achievement Award is presented annually to the student who has performed at a high standard in sporting endeavours external of the NSWCCC pathways. They must be ambassadors for the sport, demonstrating outstanding levels of sportsmanship, personal commitment to training, and individual skill development.

To be eligible for consideration for the Outstanding Sporting Achievement Award, the nominee must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Be an enrolled student of McCarthy Catholic College;
 2. Have an outstanding sporting record in the previous 12 months (1 November 2015 – 1 November 2016);
 3. Have participated in a sport external of the College and NSWCCC pathways;
 4. Have displayed outstanding sportsmanship and be a person with whom the College are proud to be identified.
- NB – “outstanding sporting record” refers to excellence in any area of sporting endeavour.

All nominations will be assessed in confidentially by a Sports Awards Selection Committee.

Nomination forms are available from the College office or can be downloaded from the MCC Sport Google Classroom.

If you feel that your son / daughter is a worthy recipient of this award, please complete the nomination form and return it to the College office no later than Monday 31 October 2016.

Mr Matt Feltrin – Sports Coordinator

McCarthy Catholic College Equestrian



Eleven students from McCarthy competed at the annual Inter-Schools' Horse Extravaganza (ISHE) at AELEC, Tamworth, from 14 – 17 October.

The following students attended: Samuel Collett, Rachael Gimbert, Alexandra Watt, Georgia Achurch, Sophie Barr, Alina Goor-Ditchfield, Melanie Young, Madeline Neville, Maddison Higgins, Eleanor Neville and Hannah Neville. Over five hundred students competed from schools all over NSW and other states in a wide array of equine disciplines. Friday saw students compete in Working Horse Challenge, Sporting events, Team Mug Race and Polocrosse. Saturday and Sunday included the three disciplines of One Day Eventing – Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country. Monday concluded the four day event with Gymkhana and Show Riding.

Mrs Julie Kellahan – Equestrian Coordinator

Horseball World Cup 2016

Congratulations to Melanie Young and Alina Goor-Ditchfield who attended the World Cup Horseball Championships in Portugal in August. The team played Belgium, Portugal, Spain, France and Italy in the junior division. The girls were assigned horses from Portugal to compete on and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.





Fresh North Queensland Mangoes Direct from the Farm to You!

Support Our Mango Fundraiser

If you love mangoes here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive at the same time. The Mango Fundraiser picks and packs trays of fresh mangoes during their premium harvest period, and delivers them directly to us.

The Mango Fundraiser will be delivering quality mangoes direct from the farm to **McCarthy Catholic College**. Why don't you and your family use this drive to provide yourselves with the most economical and convenient way to enjoy fresh and healthy mangoes this season?

All orders with payments are to be returned to School by **Friday 28th October**.

We look forward to our mangoes and we thank you for your support.

Cost per tray	\$25
Place your order	By dropping your order and payments into McCarthy Catholic College by Friday 28th October, 2016.

Order Form

Name:

Email Address:

(Please provide a clear and legible email address
as we will let you know by **email** when the mangoes arrive)

Mobile Phone Number:

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

Name	Qty	Price	Total
1.		\$25/tray	
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14.		\$25/tray	
15.		\$25/tray	

-  Remember to offer this to your family, co-workers, friends and neighbours.
-  Please return this form with payment by **Friday 28th October.**
-  Mangoes should be ready for collection in early to mid-December.
-  **NOTE: Payment must accompany all orders.**