

# Newsletter



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## Dear Parents & Students,

### Prayer - A Morning Offering

Jesus I offer you

all the prayers, thoughts, works,  
and sufferings of this day  
for the good of my family,  
my school and my country. Amen

Our Lady of the Rosary: Pray for us

St Dominic: Pray for us

Blessed Edmund Rice: Pray for us.

### Litanies

Litanies is a form of praying which became a popular way of praying to the saints in the Middle Ages. In a very simple form, it addresses the saints by name followed by a petition, "Pray for us." There is an official litany for the universal church, however it is customary for local churches and communities to develop their own version.

## PRINCIPAL MATTERS

### Year 7 Welcome BBQ

A good time was had with our new Year 7 families this week, as we kicked off the 2017 Year 7 Welcome BBQ with a strong roll-up of parents and Year 7 students. Gatherings such as these highlight the sense of community and partnership that we are looking to grow each year as we welcome and induct the newest members of our community. Special thanks to Mr Andrew Davy, Mrs Raelee Balderson and the generous team of staff who either setup, cooked, cleaned-up or simply introduced themselves to our happy new families and discussed the academic and pastoral program at the college. A wonderful 'feel-good' afternoon!

### Twilight Swimming Carnival

At the time of writing the students are just about to dive into another afternoon and night of fun and camaraderie at the Twilight Swimming Carnival. While results will be published in the next newsletter, I commend the excellent preparation and planning that is involved in coordinating such a whole school event. If planning and preparation are anything to go by, it should be a great night! Hopefully Mr Feltrin's organisation, as well as the generous commitment of our staff, will be affirmed through greater student attendance rates to reflect our collective commitment to grow House and community spirit.

### Enrolments for Year 7 in 2018 close Wednesday April 5 2017

McCarthy Catholic College extends an invitation for students seeking enrolment into Year 7 in 2018. The only round of Year 7 applications for this year will close on Wednesday 5 April. **Fully completed application forms** and the **\$100 application fee** need to be lodged at the College on or before Wednesday 5 April. Interviews will be conducted throughout Term 2. Open Day will be held on **Saturday 4 March** from 11:00am until 1:00pm.

Contact the office on 6761 0800 for an application pack and/or more information.

### McCarthy Board

During 2017, the current constitutions of School Boards in local Catholic schools will change to reflect alternate governance structures and these bodies will ultimately be renamed 'School Advisory Councils'. The details of the change will be conveyed in coming newsletters. One of the more significant changes is the change of date for the Annual General Meeting. Previously held in March, all schools will now shift their AGM meetings to the November of each year. The McCarthy School Board will meet this month on March 21 to determine whether members will continue on during the interim period until November or setup interim positions for current members. Even as we transition to these new governance structures, parents and carers who may be interested in joining the School Board in 2017 are still encouraged to speak with Mr Adam Green - School Board Chair. Contact details can be obtained from the School Office.

### McCarthy Association Annual General Meeting – March 21

The Annual General Meeting for the McCarthy Association will be held on Tuesday 21 March at 7:00pm in the staffroom. The enormous commitment of the current executive is to be commended. Please feel welcome to attend.

May your God go with you.

Mr Geoff McManus – Principal

### Diary Dates

23 Feb: Twilight Swimming Carnival  
**24 Feb: Non-school day**  
 27 Feb: Year 7 Camp  
 28 Feb: Year 11 Retreat 5:30pm  
 28 Feb: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sale  
 1 March: Ash Wednesday Whole School Liturgy  
 1 March: University Roadshow  
 4 March: Open Day 11:00am – 1:00pm  
 6 March: Catholic Schools' Week  
 7 March: Years 7, 8, 9, 10 Forensic Science Day  
 7 March: Year 11 Property Planning Day  
 7 March: Catholic Schools' Week Mass  
 8 March: Diocesan Swimming Carnival  
 10 March: HSC Music Workshop - Armidale  
 13 March: OLRCC Official Opening Ceremony  
 14 March: Year 8 Science & Engineering Challenge  
 14 March: Health Careers Forum  
 15 March: Year 9/10 Science & Engineering Challenge  
 16 March: Diocesan Touch – Inverell  
 21 March: Board and Association AGM  
 21 March: Diocesan U15 Rugby League  
 25 March: Tamworth Show

## MISSION AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION

### Liturgy and Prayer

2017 has seen the introduction of new prayer tradition for all at McCarthy. As part of our ongoing endeavour to preserve the dual charisms of the two religious orders which lie at the heart of our heritage and traditions, the Dominican Sisters and Christian Brothers, we have introduced a short litany to the end of our daily prayer. Our litany appears above and will be a daily reminder of our founding roots in the two religious orders responsible for bringing Catholic education to Tamworth.

This year we have transferred the venue for our Year group Masses each Tuesday to the new auditorium in Our Lady of the Rosary Cultural Centre. Year 12 students were the first group to experience celebrating the Eucharist in the new venue and were very positive; the tiered seating gave them a unique view of the altar and all that happens there.

### Vinnies

On Wednesday 15 February, the St Agnes Conference met for the first time this year and were swamped with a record of fifty-six students from Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. The students organise the annual swimming carnival BBQ and the Shrove Tuesday pancake sale. St Vinnies Youth Coordinator, Mr Michael O'Kane, visited the conference meeting and was most impressed by the enthusiasm. We look forward to more visits from Michael during the year.

### Lenten Groups

This year McCarthy will host a Lenten group in conjunction with St Nicholas' Parish on the Wednesday evenings of Lent at 7:00pm in the Meeting Room, beginning on Wednesday 1 March (Ash Wednesday). I would like to extend an open invitation to parents and friends of McCarthy who would like to join us for what always proves to be very valuable faith formation and reflection.

### Ash Wednesday Liturgy

I wish to invite parents to our Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word and distribution of ashes on Wednesday 1 March at 11:15am in the College Hall.

*Mrs Cate Allen – Mission and Spiritual Formation Coordinator*

## PASTORAL CARE

### Welcome

We welcome Kyran Strachan (Year 9), Ashton Strachan (Year 8) and Ellie Brookman (Year 7) to the McCarthy community.

### Year 7 Excursion

The Outdoor Education Program for Year 7 will be held in Week 5 of Term 1, Monday 27 February - Wednesday 1 March 2017. All Year 7 students will be attending the Outdoor Education Experience's Adventure Land at Forster for a fully catered, adventure packed, three day excursion. The camp provides activities designed to challenge, thrill and develop self-confidence and team building skills. This is our first excursion as a year group and it is very important that all Year 7 students make themselves available for an experience they will always remember fondly.

*Mrs Libby Molony – Pastoral Care Coordinator*

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Annual General Meeting

The McCarthy Association's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 March. We look forward to seeing you for an evening of camaraderie and friendship in parenting. Please join us at 7:00pm in the school staffroom (located at the end of the administration block). All positions are declared vacant. We welcome new parents to join for a fun filled year of fundraising and social activities.

## CAREERS NEWS

### Careers Talks

Recently a group of approximately forty Year 11 and 12 students attended a lunch time talk on career resources, what information is available and where to find it.



### Sixth Annual Wollongong and Sydney Universities Tour

In early February, another group of McCarthy students were able to get a taste of university life and what universities in these cities have to offer.

This year, eighteen students in Year 11 accompanied by Mrs Louise Vella and Mr Wayne Northey, attended the University of Wollongong's Discovery Day along with one thousand other senior students from across NSW. They attended a range of talks on certain courses and aspects of university life.

This was followed by tours of several universities including Macquarie University, University of Sydney, UNSW and Australian Catholic University (North Sydney campus). Students were able to see the campuses, hear talks and stay overnight at Dunmore Lang College at Macquarie University. The transport costs were covered by Wollongong University and the accommodation in Sydney was subsidised by Dunmore Lang College which enabled the students to experience on-campus accommodation.

All returned home safe and sound with increased awareness of what may lie ahead especially the hard work and effort required in Stage 6.

I would like to thank Mrs Vella, Mr Northey and the students for participating and enduring soaring temperatures, flash floods, a bomb scare and a bus breakdown. This made it a memorable excursion and hopefully next year will see another group of McCarthy students get the same experience – minus the temperature extremes and other incidents.

*Mrs Susan Barrett – Careers Adviser*  
[careers@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au](mailto:careers@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au)

## ENGLISH

### English Websites

English staff members have designed 'Essential Course Material' webpages to complement each unit of study in Years 7-12. The initial sections of the webpage clearly outline the aim and scope of the unit as well as the assessment for the unit. Resources have been designed and carefully selected to assist students to understand the key concepts and skills required for each unit. Links to useful websites and resources provide knowledge, deepen understanding and encourage students to work to achieve greater success in English.

The English webpages can be found by accessing the English course category link on the [learning.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au](http://learning.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au) website. A student's Online Learning Environment username and password provides access. Parents can also gain access by using the username 'parent' and password 'parent'.

For parents who are looking to facilitate additional English skills activities at home, webpages dedicated to NAPLAN, grammar, spelling and punctuation can also be found in the same location.

*Mrs Katrina Sullivan - English Coordinator*

## EUROPE EXCURSION



### Europe 2018 Excursion Information Evening 8 March 2017 6:00pm

All students, parents, staff and members of the McCarthy community who would like to know more about the proposed trip in April 2018 are invited to attend an Information Evening to be held at the school.

Jackie from Academy Travel, Mr McManus and I will be talking about the proposed itinerary, costs, what support both the school and Academy Travel will provide as well as answering any questions.

As this is an Information Evening, there will be no obligation to sign up on the night and we will explain the next steps for those who are interested in travelling to Europe for three weeks, seeing and doing amazing things and enjoying a magnificent cultural experience such as touring the Coliseum in Rome and dining out in Paris on the Avenue des Champs-Élysées.

Both Mr McManus and I look forward to seeing you there. If you have not already sent an RSVP or want more details, my email address is [sbarrett@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sbarrett@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au).

*Au revoir,  
Mrs Susan Barrett*

## CANTEEN

### Lent Menu

The canteen will not be serving meat on Ash Wednesday (March 1) or Fridays during Lent as part of our Lenten observance at McCarthy; this includes Friday 3 March, 10 March, 17 March, 24 March, 31 March and 7 April. Please see other items available during Lent. These items will only be available as **lunch orders** and students are required to order their lunch before the end of recess please.

### Menu:

- Cheese/egg/tuna/salmon salad rolls/wraps \$4.00
- Sandwiches (egg and lettuce, salmon, spring onion and carrot, cheese and tomato, cheese and avocado) \$3.00
- Toasted sandwiches (cheese \$2.00, cheese and tomato or cheese and avocado) \$3.00
- Fish Burgers (fish, lettuce and tartar sauce or mayo) \$4.50
- Fish Burgers with salad \$5.00
- Salmon Pattie wraps \$4.50 (with avocado \$5.00)
- Fish or Salmon Pattie or tinned Salmon, Tuna or Egg and salad box \$5.00 (balsamic, tartar or mayo)
- Spiral pasta \$3.00
- Ravioli (spinach and ricotta) \$3.50
- Spinach and Ricotta Rolls \$2.50
- Small cheese or vegemite rolls \$2.00
- Fresh fruit salad tubs \$2.50
- Yogurt with berries \$2.50
- Fish and chips \$4.50
- Garlic bread \$2.00

### Volunteer Advertisement

*Casual Work Available – Employment Guaranteed*

*Where:* McCarthy Catholic College Canteen

*When:* weekly, fortnightly, monthly, once a term

*Hours:* flexible, preferably 9:30am to 1:30pm

*Experience:* everything you need to know will be learnt within a short space of time.

*Salary:* "A La Carte" lunch, plenty of tea or coffee and best of all, friendship and a good chat.

*Bonus:* your child or children will be happy to see you in their favourite place - school! You get to spoil them by making them a free lunch on the day that you work and you get to meet new people and make good friends within the school community.

*Applications close:* NEVER.

Please contact Raelee Balderston in our College Canteen by phone 67610856 or email [rbalderston@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rbalderston@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au) as soon as possible. You will be included on our roster and an orientation pack will be sent home to you. Thank you in anticipation.

Welcome back to our current volunteers, we look forward to seeing you soon.

*Mrs Raelee Balderston – Canteen Supervisor*

## SPORT



## NSW COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES

2017 SPORT REGISTRATIONS – NOW OPEN

## NSWCCC SPORT REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Individual Registrations for the following sports to attend a NSWCCC Selection

AFL, Baseball, Basketball, Cricket, Diving, Golf, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby, Softball, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball, Water Polo

Registrations for the following sports is through a Diocesan/Association Selection

You will be notified when it is time to complete your online registration

Athletics, Cross Country, Football, Swimming, Touch

In order to participate in ALL NSWCCC selection trials, you must register online. Students not registered will not be accepted in the NSWCCC teams

There are three steps to the website registration process

1. Setting up a Parent Account (this only needs to be done once) Parents must be responsible for updating their details. (Click on Edit my Details)
2. Adding your child to the Parent Account (this only needs to be done once) Parents must be responsible for updating their child's details. Eg. Change of school (Click on Edit "child's name" Details) Please note: You will need to edit your child's school from primary to secondary (We recommend you type in the suburb to find your school)
3. Register for a sport (this needs to be completed for each sport every year)

- Login to your account
- Click on NSWCCC at top of page
- Click on the sport you require
- Click on REGISTER
- Click on the team you wish to register for (it is a hyperlink)
- Follow the prompts to register
- Click on REGISTER FOR THIS SPORT at the bottom of the page to submit your registration
- Once you have completed your registration, both the Sports Coordinator and Principal of your child's school will be notified of your nomination via the website.
- All consent and payment for ALL Individual sports will be done online and is to be PAID AT TIME OF REGISTRATION
- Team sports such as Athletics, Cross Country, Football, Swimming and Touch - Diocesan/Associations may use their own paperwork for consent, payment and uniform orders but you will still need to complete an ONLINE registration to attend a CCC event.
- PLEASE NOTE: You will be unable to register if the Closing Date has passed. Please check the Sports Specific Information page for these dates.



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