



College Newsletter



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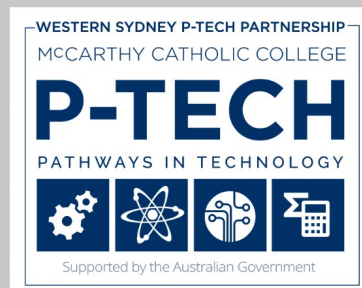
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and friends of the McCarthy Community

Welcome back to another great term of learning. This term there is much building and development at McCarthy as we see the Junior and Senior Inquiry hub under construction. We are very excited to see the fabulous transformation of learning spaces that will enable collaborative learning and Project Based Learning (PBL) to be further embedded into the Stage 4 and 5 curriculum.

Congratulations to our **Year 12 Graduates of 2018** who are currently preparing for HSC exams commencing Thursday 18 October. I am very proud as Principal of this amazing group of young people who have given so much of themselves during their time at the College. We celebrated as a community the end of their journey with a whole school Farewell Assembly including the guard of honour, Graduation Mass and Awards ceremony held at Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains. The link to photos from this event are now on the college website should you wish to order photos. Thank you to all staff and family members who were able to be present to join into this wonderful celebration. We pray for our Year 12 students as they prepare for HSC examinations and the TTC students who will progress to further study or work in their traineeship or apprenticeship. Whatever career pathway you have chosen, we wish you every success for a bright future ahead post school.

Student Leaders for 2019

This week we have the induction of our new student leaders for 2019 commencing Term 4 2018. I look forward to seeing parents and friends of McCarthy, as well as Fr Regie from OLOW Parish at this important community occasion. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our incoming leaders who have shown incredible potential and have demonstrated a willingness to work with passion in their ministry. Congratulations to our incoming senior leaders for 2019 :

College Captains and Vice Captains

College Captains

Lily Meyer-Gleaves
Emerson Rovere

College Vice Captains

Gabrielle Gregory
Ethan Young

Student Ministries

Student Voice

Justin Cooper
Racquel Bugeja
Jeremy Jordan

Community & Social Justice

Oliva Haggett
Lachlan De Giorgio
Caitlin Doughty

Student Wellbeing

Kaitlyn Cooney
Clelia Davies
Ayesha Hassan
Kaylee Robson

Sport & Recreation

Luke Gale
Akshay Wakankar
Thomas Howe
Jemma Tomas

Culture & Events

Tiana Pienkosz
Aidan Rowe
Corey Pattinson

I would like to extend a very warm and special **welcome to the new students** who have joined our learning community at the end of Term 3 and beginning of Term 4:

Year 8: Vanessa Jones
Connor Henderson

Year 9: Aimee Jones
Erica O'Donnell

Welcome!

Attendance Matters

Thank you to all parents for your help, support and assistance ensuring your child attends school everyday. We will be publishing the attendance rates and days absent regularly. If your child has developed a habit of wanting to stay home, even if it is just one day a week I would ask that you be firm and insist that your child attends school unless they are unwell. This strong and consistent stance by parents is extremely helpful in getting your child back to school and into the habit of attending regularly. One day off per week adds up to one week per month. The habits that are established at school will continue into their work life, so it is absolutely essential to get attendance right whilst your child is at school to set them up for future success in life.

Our attendance target is ONE day off only this term. We will be commending all students who meet this target with an end of term BBQ and a special certificate for those with perfect attendance all year.

Thank you to all students and parents for a great start to Term 4. Let's keep our expectations high with attendance and student learning at McCarthy.

God Bless

Mrs Tania Cairns
Principal Leader

FROM THE OFFICE...

NEW PHONE NUMBER

Please note the new college phone numbers as follows:

Main College Phone: 4728 8100

Fax Number: 4728 8199

Uniform Shop: 4728 8145



**Phone
Number
Change**

LEAVING STUDENTS

A term's notice (10 school weeks) **in writing** must be given to the Principal Leader before the withdrawal of a student's enrolment or a full term's fees will be payable. One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment, that is, the notice period of 10 school weeks will be waived in this circumstance.

SCHOOL FEES

All 2018 **school fees** should now be finalised, unless you have an authorised payment arrangement in place. If you have not finalised your fee account please make payment arrangement as soon as possible. If you are in need of financial assistance please contact Mrs Julie Jones on 4728 8100.

Year 12 Graduation Awards

College Dux

Principals Award

Leadership Award

Leadership Award

McCarthy All-Rounder

Bishop's Medal

Pierre De Coubertin

James and Mary McCarthy

James and Mary McCarthy

Mary Mackillop Award

Trade Training Centre Workplace Achievement

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Sportsperson Award

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Academic Excellence

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Grace Chamberlin

Grace Chamberlin

Samuel Chok

Grace Chamberlin

Grace Chamberlin

Lauren Gale

Mitchell Fogg

Emily Smith

Aman Singh

Olivia Johnstone

Lauren Gale

Emma Parker

Sarah Blair

Aman Singh



Academic Excellence

Chloe Anshaw

Academic Excellence

Grace Chamberlin

Academic Excellence

Samuel Chok

Academic Excellence

Justin McColl

Academic Excellence

Shannon Murray

Academic Excellence

Christine Saikien Thong

Academic Excellence

Dylan Shorten

Academic Excellence

Harrison Sproule

Most Outstanding Achievement in Trade:

Automotive

Carpentry

Early Childhood Education and Care

Electrotechnology

Hairdressing

Metals & Engineering

Mitchell Holt

Lachlan Wiggins

Elyse Nightingale

Thomas Lewis

Lauren Gale

Adam Stoltenberg

Most Outstanding in VET:

Business Services TTC

Financial Services TTC

Financial Services TTC

Hospitality

Hospitality

Primary Industries

Olivia Johnstone

Ryan Morgan

Emily Smith

Emily Haes

Ryan Cladingboel

Liam Hall



First in Course:

Studies of Religion II

Studies of Religion I

Catholic Studies

Catholic Studies

Mathematics Extension I

Mathematics

Mathematics General 2

English Extension I

English Advanced

English Standard

English Studies

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Business Studies

Harrison Sproule

Phillipa Morgan

Chloe Anshaw

Jade Thompson

Justin McColl

Dylan Shorten

Shannon Murray

Phillipa Morgan

Grace Chamberlin

Shannon Murray

Courtney McCrohon

Justin McColl

Samuel Chok

Dylan Shorten

Christine Saikien Thong

Legal Studies

Modern History

Society and Culture

Community and Family Studies

PDHPE

Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation

Industrial Technology

Visual Arts

Japanese Beginners

Catholic Studies TTC

English Studies TTC

Mathematics General 1 TTC

Grace Chamberlin

Ebony Godwin

Phillipa Morgan

Ebony Godwin

Grace Chamberlin

Jackson Walker

Annabella Fanella

Phillipa Morgan

Jade Thompson

Emily Smith

Blake Elbourn

Emily Smith



FROM THE COLLEGE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA 2018 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Rome and Assisi Itinerary

JORDAN, AMMAN

Mt Nebo, where Moses looked over into the Promised Land and blessed Joshua who led the Israelites under God's protection (Joshua 1:6-9).

DEAD SEA TO THE SEA OF GALILEE, GALILEE then to the Dead Sea to float in the salty waters that are said to have healing qualities. Bethany Beyond the Jordan, the five springs here form the tributary of the Jordan River, believed to be the Baptismal site of Jesus. Then we will cross the border into the Holy Land of Israel, to journey onto Tiberias on the shores of Lake Galilee... "Go to Galilee and you will find him there" (Mt 28:7). Walk to the summit of Mt Tabor, where Our Lord's divinity shone forth in the Transfiguration (Mt 17:1-2). Then to Capernaum, the centre of Jesus' teaching and healing and the home of Peter the Apostle (Mt 4:12-20) before visiting Magdala, the town of Mary Magdalene. Visit the Nof Ginosar Kibbutz, where there are preserved remains of first century fishing boats as in the days of Christ.

We will then experience a private Mass floating in the centre of Lake Galilee and recall the miracles of Jesus calming the storm, appearing to the apostles and walking on the water. Followed by a special 'St Peter's fish lunch. A visit to Tabgha, the site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (Mt 14:20).

Travelling out from Galilee, we visit Haifa-Mt Carmel where Elijah spoke of false prophets, and Elijah's cave where he lived and meditated before defeating pagan prophets of Baal and where he hid fleeing the wrath of King Ahab. We will also visit the Carmelite Monastery and the Chapel of the Holy Family and the House of Grace.

Later in the Nazareth township, we will enter the Basilica of the Annunciation where Mary's response was "Let it be done to me according to thy Word" (Luke 1:38). Then to Cana, where Jesus, requested by His Mother, performed his first miracle transforming water into wine at the wedding feast (Jn 2:1-11).

We begin the next day with Mass at the Mount of Beatitudes and reflect of Jesus' message of happiness – Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5:1-12). Leaving Galilee, we go through Samaria, a land rich in Old Testament history. We will see the twin peaks of Mt Gerizim and Mt Ebal, known in the Old Testament as Mt Blessing and Mt Cursing.

We visit Jacob's Well (over 100 feet = 30.48m in depth) where the water at the bottom is fed by flowing water which is why ancients gave it the name of 'living water.' At this well, Jesus met the Samaritan women and said to her: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (Jn 4:13-14). Then we journey to Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM

Here we travel out to Bethlehem, the City of David. In the Shepherd's Field we commemorate the appearance of angels to the shepherds on that first Christmas night (Lk 2:8-16), with Mass.

We visit the Church of Nativity built over the stable where Jesus was born and descend into the Grotto of the Holy Manger. A silver star in the floor marks the spot where Christ was born.

Then to Bethlehem University and Ein Karem, the birthplace of St John the Baptist and the site of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth "Why should I be honoured with a visit from the Mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:43). At this Church, dedicated to 'The Magnificat' we reflect on the joyful mysteries of the Rosary. We meet the Bereaved Parents, who have endured so much and are trying so hard to bring peace to the Holy Land.

On the next day, on the Mt of Olives we visit the Church of 'Pater Noster' commemorating the site where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer (Mt 6:7-15). We walk down the Palm Sunday Road, passing the tombs of the Prophets Haggai, Malachi and Zechariah before arriving at Dominus Flevit for Mass. This church was built on the site where Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem (Lk 19:41-44).

In the Garden of Gethsemane, we enter the Church of Agony containing bare rock upon where Jesus is said to have prayed before his arrest. This garden contains olive trees. We see the path Jesus was taken upon as a prisoner while ascending Mt Zion to the house of the High Priest Caiaphas and reflect later in the private garden- Garden Virgin Mary.

We visit the Israel Museum to view a Second Temple scale model of Jerusalem as it was in the time of Jesus, as well as visiting the Shrine of the Book to view the Dead Sea Scrolls. At the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, we recall that it was here that Jesus was interrogated and imprisoned, while Peter denied Jesus three times. Later to visit the Cenacle room of the Last Supper and the Church of Dormition where Our Lady was assumed into heaven.

We begin our next day with Stations of the Cross, at Antonia Fortress where Jesus was condemned to death. We pray and follow in Our Lord's footsteps, visiting the Flagellation and Condemnation Chapels along the actual Via Dolorosa to the site of Calvary to celebrate Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We will see through glass panels the rocks where the Cross of Jesus once stood and enter the Edicule containing the tomb where Our Lord rose from the dead.

Continuing on to visit a church built over the birthplace of the Virgin Mary, Church of St Anne and the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed the paralysed man (Jn 5:2-9). Onto the Jewish section of the Old City for a view of the Dome of the Rock, El Aqsa Mosque and the Western Wall.

We travel Jericho Road as we remember the Good Samaritan and journey through desert hills to pass the site of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947 by a Bedouin shepherd boy. Continuing south along the Dead Sea to Masada, we go on a cable car to view the scenery at the summit and have a guided tour of Herod's fortress and the Zealot's last stand. In Jericho later, we celebrate Mass at the Good Shepherd Church and across the valley we see Mt Temptation, the site of Jesus' fast of 40 days. This is our final day in the Holy Lands before flying to Rome.

ROME

After a private Mass in St Peter's Basilica at the Altar of the Tomb of St Peter, we go to experience a guided tour of the Vatican Museums to see the Sistene Chapel (view Michelangelo's masterpieces, including the fresco of the Last Judgement) and the Crypt and tombs of past Popes.

The next day we go to St Peter's Square where the Holy Father is expected to host a general audience with pilgrims. Later we enter the Colosseum where early Christians were martyred and in 1749, Pope Benedict XIV declared a sacred site.

We visit ancient excavations and catacombs of the early Christian Church under St Peter's Basilica – the Necropoli and also visit the site of the original tomb of St Peter.

A coach will take us to the Basilica of St John in Lateran (First Papal residence) and the Holy Stairs.

ASSISI

This is where St Francis tended the poor and sick and founded the Franciscan Order. We celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels on the plain where St Francis spent most of his life. We go to the Upper Town where we visit the Basilica of St Clare where we kneel before the famous crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St Francis.

We visit the Basilica of St Francis housing the tomb of St Francis and the Church of St Damiano built on the site where St Francis heard the voice of Christ speaking through the crucifix 'go rebuild my Church, which you see is falling down.' This will be my final day on pilgrimage.

I will then leave the CEDP Pilgrim group and travel through Italy, France and Singapore to see you all again in Week 3.

God Bless and you will be in my prayers and heart as I take all of who have journeyed with me in my life to the Holy Lands.

Mrs Peta Sparkes
Assistant Principal



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL TRADE TRAINING CENTRE

Term 3 saw the conclusion of the HSC for our TTC students. We are very grateful for the employers of our School Based Apprentices and Trainees and those host employers that assist during work placement blocks to give the many rich experiences our students require. I would also like to thank our partnering Registered Training Offices; Motor Traders Association of New South Wales and TAFE NSW for providing expert training alongside that of our McCarthy based teachers and trainers. The program is also made successful by the support of our parents and carers who assist in supporting their young adults with transport and transition to the workforce. I would like to wish our graduating students all the best as they continue in their employment or reach out to try new things.

Mr John Wills
Assistant Principal
Trade Training Centre



McCarthy Catholic
Trade Training Centre

HEAD OF STUDENT WELLBEING AND LEARNING

Why is Uniform Important?

Uniform by definition means "the same". The idea behind a uniform is that students do not need to worry about what they have to wear to school because it is stock standard. It allows for consistency and it promotes a sense of community if all can wear it well. Some students at schools feel a sense of entitlement in that the uniform rules should not apply to them. They feel that they should have the right to opt out of the uniform expectations and do what they want. In these cases, good schools challenge the students about what and why they are choosing to opt out of the community expectations. They may lose learning time and will generally have to give time in the form of recess or lunchtime detentions.

If on the other hand, students choose to follow the expectations of the uniform, they show they are ready for learning as they do not want to argue the point with the school. Our uniform is very well presented. When students go on excursions where they see students from other schools, staff always get comments from McCarthy students that they feel proud of how they look. Now we know that the clothes don't make the person BUT we would like to teach our students how to feel comfortable in more formal clothing whether they go into work that requires that or not. I cannot tell you how many students I see around the school and say to them how sharp they are looking. A young man in a tie with a blazer, wearing his belt and his shirt comfortably tucked in or a young lady with her skirt to the knee and the rest of her uniform worn correctly reflects well on the students and the College. They actually give the sign that they are ready to learn. They agree with what the school stands for and they would like to follow where they are directed in their classes. Your support with our uniform is greatly appreciated and we look forward to having fewer students on detention and ready to learn.

I hope all students had an enjoyable holiday period. Once again the year is flying through and we look forward to an enjoyable final term of school for 2018.

Thank you and God bless.

Mr Martin Stein
Head of Student Wellbeing and Learning

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Bishop's Social Justice Writing Competition

Lucrecia Carter (Year 9) was awarded 2nd place in the Bishop's Social Justice Writing Competition. Lucrecia answered the question:

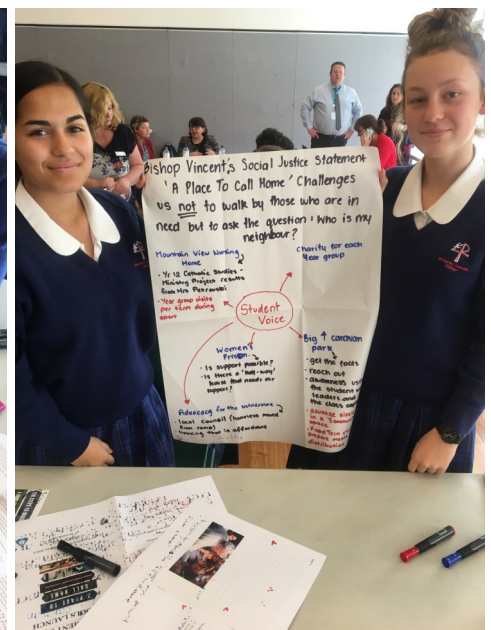
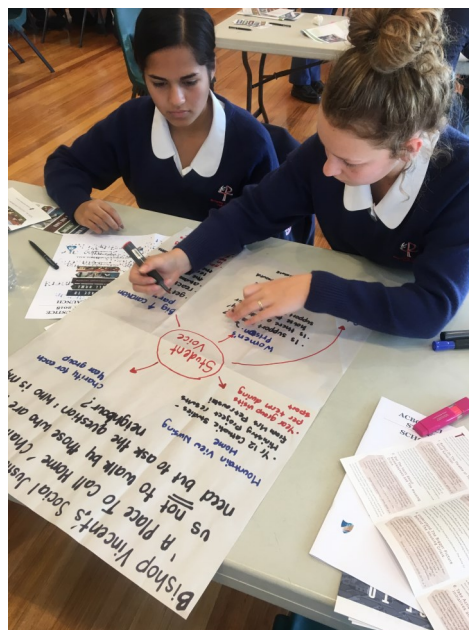
"In a Catholic context discuss the ways the most vulnerable are able to find a place as individuals in society".



Bishop Vincent's Social Justice Statement for 2018-19 is called "A Place to Call Home" and challenges us not to walk by those who are in need but ask the question: "Who is my neighbour? We need to minister at the threshold of vulnerability", says Bishop Vincent. Lucrecia Carter and Caitlin Hume are creating an action plan to present to the new "Student Voice" leadership ministry as the first steps to start to address homelessness and insecure housing in our local area. It is through this powerful advocacy, from our young people, that all people have their basic needs met, be able to flourish in the community and have their inherent human dignity affirmed and upheld by others.



Australian Catholic Bishops Conference



Mr Robert Feeney
Leader of Religious Education and Mission

English Update

In the blink of an eye, Term 3 is over and what a term it was. The term has seen some wonderful learning happening throughout the entire College in English classes.

In Stage 4, our **Year 7** students have sunk their teeth into a novel study where they have produced some fantastic book reviews and are currently working towards writing and recording monologue. Most of Year 7 have been reading one of the books in the Once series by Morris Glietzmann and it has been great to see that students have not wanted to stop reading, with many students choosing to read extra novels in the series. Meanwhile, **Year 8** have also been reading novels and completing a portfolio of work and are now working towards a recorded book club type conversation to talk about the exciting things in their novel.

In Stage 5, **Year 9** have had the opportunity to choose from 6 different novels to study and the feedback around these has been great. They have been creating TEE (technique, example, explanation) charts to help them prepare for extended analytical responses. **Year 10** students have been refining their visual literacy and have delved into the wonderful world of picture books. They have looked at four very different texts throughout the term and it has been pleasing to see them activating their previous knowledge. They have been creating reviews of these books and also working towards an extended response to help them prepare for the rigour of senior high school.

Stage 6 students have been in full swing at the moment. **Year 11** Advanced and Standard English have been preparing for their preliminary examination on the poetry of WB Yeats and Wilfred Owen respectively. The Standard cohort have had the opportunity to mix the classes together and work in different groups to help teach other students about poetry and have produced some outstanding work. And finally, our **Year 12** students have been working hard to make the most of the revision period that has been available to them since the trial exams. Students are setting individual and group goals, identifying areas of strength and weakness and recrafting their writing to ensure that their HSC examination is their absolute best work. We want to take this opportunity to thank the Year 12 cohort for all their hard work and dedication, it has been fabulous to see you all mature into fine young ladies and gentlemen, we wish you all the best for your upcoming exams and we cannot wait to hear about your success come December.

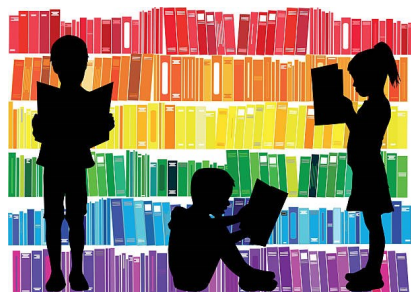
A reminder that every student in Year 7-10 is expected to have a novel or something to read for each lesson to participate in our wide reading program. And finally, all students are welcome to attend English Help on a Wednesday afternoon in the College library.

Mrs Una Hughes

Leader of Learning - English



Year 12 Revision



TAS Report

McCarthy Ag Show -Term 3 Update

Our show team has been very busy over the last term preparing and completing in the Western Sydney Uni Steers Competition on the 11th August and Penrith Show, 25th - 26th August 2018. Our team has put in an amazing effort this year and we have achieved some great results.

Uni Steers

At the Uni Steers Competition our team put in an amazing amount of preparation and hard work winning Champion Lead Steer, 3rd in Best Presented, 2nd junior novice and 5th senior novice parader. We also received our most outstanding results ever in the closing ceremony on the 7th September winning Champion Steer, Champion Weight Gain, Champion Steer Carcase, 2nd Beef appraisal, 4th Judging Junior.

Penrith Show

We had some great successes on the weekend with 3rd in Students Choice in Display.

- ◆ 1st Sheep Judging **Anneleise Shapcott**, with **Liam Hall** and **Nathan Gregory** placing 3rd and 4th.
- ◆ Champion chicken judging, **Dylan Baxter**.
- ◆ Our students, for the second year in a row, placed 3rd in Rural Olympics, **Nathan Gregory**, **Skye Baxter**, **Rose Rech**, **Tiana Pienkosz**.
- ◆ **Lily Meyer-Gleaves** placed 2nd in experiences parading and **Skye Baxter** 3rd. **Tia Auld** and **Chris Dixon** placed 3rd and 4th in novice parading.

These placings are fantastic, the hard work of students was what really stood out for these students , who got there early every morning, cleaned pens, fed animals, engaged with the public and demonstrated how amazing McCarthy students are.

Students who helped over the weekend not already mentioned include, **Nicholas Psathas**, **Isabella Dvorak**, **Damian Giugovaz**, **Zane McCabe**, **Byron Gillon** and **Lachlan Smith**.

A special thanks to our amazing team and our Seniors including Skye Baxter, Rose Marie Rech, Nathan Gregory, Tiana Pienkosz, Lily Meyer- Gleaves who showed outstanding leadership in the lead up to these events. As teachers you make us very proud with how you conduct yourselves and the professionalism you show.

Ms Nadine Sibbald and Mr Ryan Elston



Last term **Year 9 Food Technology** students were learning about food service and catering. They have looked at the rights and responsibilities of consumers and companies, employment areas, types of menus (a la carte, cyclic and d'hote), table settings, menu planning and recipe development. Our assessment has been to design a menu for a particular function, setting the table and cooking one item off the menu and presenting it as if we would at that function.



On Friday of Week 6, Year 7 participated in their final activity towards the completion of their STEM Bridge Building project. With each group having only 60 paddle pop sticks, 5 metres of string and a hot glue gun to construct their final bridge design. Members of each group came to the centre of the room where the bridges were placed between tables with a bucket underneath and a timber weight attached to the centre of the bridge. The students then poured water into the bucket until it broke, with the last bridge of each class standing going into the grand final. Each group's bucket of water was weighted also with the final bridge holding 13Kg of water.

"We worked as a team and made a design that we thought would be the most appealing and hold the most weight. We created a truss bridge and it ended up holding 12kg of water and we were happy as we tied second place across the year group. It was a great experience and we worked well as a team, in constructing, designing, listening and comprising".
Amelia and Kyra

Mrs Jacqueline Murphy
Leader of Learning - TAS



Creative and Performing Arts

Year 9 PDM

Year 9 Photographic and Digital Media have been working on a series of tasks using Photoshop to manipulate and alter images. They have completed a task involving layering several photographs on top of each other in a photo-montage, as well as creating images of people appearing as invisible. Their skills in editing are developing as they extend their creativity.



A selected group of Year 8 and Year 9 students were chosen to work with our artist mentor, Johnny Romeo, for a studio style workshop where they produced artworks inspired by the art making practice of Howard Arkley.



Face Painting and Henna Tattoos

As part of the activities on McCarthy Day, the Creative and Performing Arts team conducted a face painting and henna tattoo stand. Many students stopped by throughout the day to have intricate designs applied to their hands and faces. There were many magnificent pieces of art created on human canvases which were washed away at the end of the day, but some of the designs were photographed in order for students to have a reminder of the day they were a living work of art.

The Creative and Performing Arts Team



Photographic and Digital Media Excursion

On Monday 17 September, Mrs Herps, Mr Sullivan and the Year 9 Photographic and Digital Media class caught the train into the city and visited the museum to view the Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year exhibition. Viewing these incredible photos gave the students valuable inspiration to then venture through the Botanical Gardens, taking their own nature photographs focusing on landscapes, insects and botanical shots. The weather was perfect and the students and staff enjoyed the day outside the classroom putting their knowledge and skills into practice.

Mrs Shannon Watt

Photography Teacher



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Wi-Fi Changes

McCarthy Catholic College is in the process of transferring all ICT devices over to the EdNet WiFi Network connection. This Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta connection will provide improved security for our network and provide a single more manageable Wi-Fi connection for staff and students.

All iPads and Laptops on the McCarthy Catholic College network will need to be moved to the CEDP EdNet Network by Week 4 of Term 4. Mr Hall and Mr McGuire will be visiting classes throughout the term to assist students in completing this process.

The eSafety Commissioner

I recently supported a member of our community that was concerned that their personal information was compromised online. In such cases I often look to the Office of the eSafety Commissioner (<https://www.esafety.gov.au>) for latest updates in legislation, online policies and procedures. I would encourage every member of the McCarthy community to pause and reflect what information they share online.

What is my personal information?

Your personal information may include:

- full name
- address
- date of birth
- email address
- username and password
- bank account details



Disclosing personal information online

Many online services require users to provide some personal information in order to use their service. Prior to providing personal information, you should think about what can be done with your personal information and assess whether you are still happy to pass on these details. In addition to inappropriate or illegal use of information, disclosing personal information online can impact your digital reputation.

There are several online activities that you should be aware of that may require a level of disclosure of personal information. These include:

- **Shopping:** to verify the identity of the purchaser, to process payments or for the delivery of goods.
- **Subscribing or registering:** a screen name or ID and an email address are often minimum requirements but other requested information may include: age, gender, address, photo and personal likes or dislikes (a red asterisk (*) generally identifies mandatory fields that are needed to register).
- **Online games and virtual worlds:** these may require users to register before they can begin to play.

What might happen if I share my personal information online?

Spam, scams, identity theft and fraud are just some of the more serious issues that you might face if you are sharing personal information online.

How can I protect my personal information

It's important to understand how personal information is used online and how to protect your information and digital reputation.

The following tips are a great basis for protecting your personal information online:

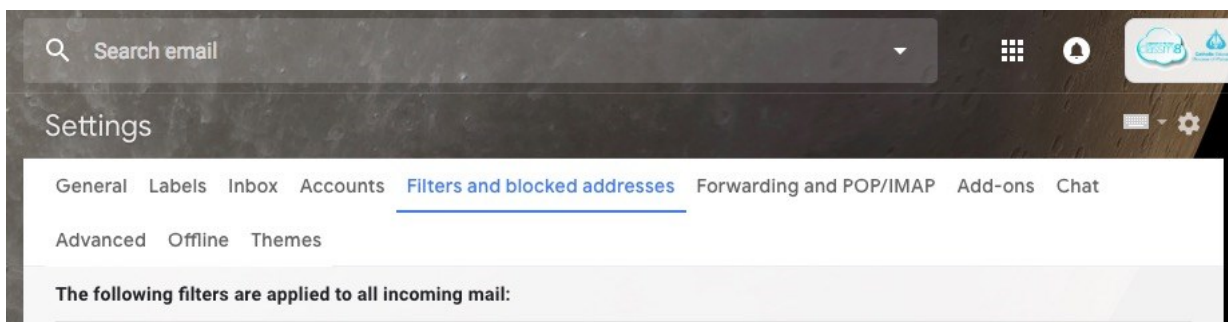
- Only disclose financial information on secure websites. Look for an address beginning with <https://> and a 'locked' padlock symbol in the bottom of the screen, which indicates that data is being encrypted.

- If in doubt about the legitimacy of a website, call the organisation it claims to represent. The [SCAMwatch](https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/) website provides further advice on how to identify and report potential scams.

- Read user agreements and privacy policies. Many organisations use information for marketing purposes and may sell it to other marketing firms. If information is posted on websites that do sell information to marketers, individuals may receive promotional spam emails which can be difficult to stop.



- Reduce spam by protecting your details. Spam can be reduced by:
 - * limiting disclosure of email addresses and mobile numbers
 - * installing and using spam filtering software
 - * checking the terms and conditions when purchasing products, entering competitions or registering for services or email newsletters
 - * not allowing contact details to be used for marketing purposes (making sure you check the opt out box)
 - * boosting online security to limit spam



- Understand that information shared online can be permanent—users may not have control over who sees or accesses their personal information. This includes teachers, parents and prospective employers.
- Select passwords carefully. When creating passwords there are some definite dos and don'ts, these include:



- use eight characters or more
- use a combination of words that aren't predictable
- use two-factor authentication on accounts containing personal information



- use pet names, birthdates, family or friends' names
- use a predictable combination of words (eg. 'ilovehiking'), a context specific word (eg. 'google') or repeated sequential characters (eg. 'aaaaaa' or '123456')
- share passwords with others, even with friends
- store them on your device, unless it's via a password manager which stores them in an encrypted database.

YEAR 7 REPORT

As part of the Year 7 Pastoral Program the students have been looking at friendships - positive friendships and the way we talk to each other within a friendship group. They completed a paper scrunching activity to demonstrate once words are said they can't be taken back and even if you didn't mean them they still play a role in affecting the person. Like when you scrunch a piece of paper and try to flatten it out again. It is never perfectly flattened out and smoothed in the way it first started. So even minor things can add up.



Secondly, the students looked at words to affirm and explain traits within a good friendship. We wrote these words down and made a friendship chain which is on display at present in the library.



Lastly, just a reminder this term is FULL summer uniform, so please take some time to get your children prepared for the start of the new term. This may also mean checking of equipment and doing a top up of pens, lead pencils, rulers, glue sticks etc.

Uniform:

Ladies: No stockings, check the length of skirt as this becomes more apparent when the stockings aren't on - please make any adjustments to lower the skirt over the holiday break. It is required to sit on the knee.

Gentlemen: No tie, shirt worn out with top button open, belt is not compulsory (but recommended).

Blazers are not compulsory to wear with the summer uniform. If you have any questions regarding uniform please don't hesitate to contact your child's homeroom teacher to seek clarity. For a positive and smooth start to the term preparation is the key.

Mrs Julie Petrovski
Year 7 Leader of Learning

YEAR 9 REPORT

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to take part in the Western Sydney University Fast Forward program:

Tia Auld
Corey Doyle
Kiara Duffy
Samantha Durik
Isabelle Fogg
Brianna Grosso
Axyl Grundy
Madeleine Haley
Erin Haly
Brooke Hine
Grace Hopton
Caitlin Hume
Blake Kruger
Maegan Mathew
Lachlan Moore
Jack Prendergast
Brooke Robertson
Anneleise Shapcott
Georgia Single
Levi Wybergen Titoko



On Thursday 30 August the students attended the Kingswood Campus of WSU partaking in a program that allows the students to experience what life is like at University. Students engaged in lectures and competed in challenges with other schools.

Year 9 as a cohort had their Religious reflection days last term on 28 and 29 August. As part of their spiritual development the students had the wonderful opportunity of visiting the Mary MacKillop Place Museum at North Sydney. The museum is a ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph and is located on the site in which Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop is buried. The Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel is adjacent to the museum and is an integral part of a visitor's experience to the site.

Mr John McKnight
Leader of Learning - Year 9



YEAR 12 REPORT

As is the case every year, the Year 12 students cannot believe how quickly their time has gone. The mainstream students have been working solidly as they have progressed through Term 3 after their trial HSC examinations. A couple of highlights for me has been their inclusive behaviour when we held the annual staff v student touch game on McCarthy Day where many students were encouraged to play irrespective of their level of confidence. Then, mostly Year 12 Girls were the undefeated Diocesan Oztag champions, whilst the boys missed out on the finals but to see them dancing to country music was a revelation. One final highlight was the pastoral activity where we had the students place a named sheet on their backs and other students had to write messages to them. They were involved in the activity for a long time and enjoyed reading the comments once they were able to take the sheets off their backs. I and many Year 12 teachers will miss this special group of young men and women.

Mr Martin Stein

Leader of Learning - Year 12



SPORTS UPDATE

Bocce Competition

The 2018 McCarthy Bocce Competition has been run and won with **Mr Pajaron** and **Shehroze Khan** defeating **Janaya Bent** and **Zion Tauasa** in a closely contested final. Both teams were very impressive in their round matches and the final was on a knife edge until the very end. Mr Pajaron and Shehroze received a \$50 Westfield Gift Voucher each, while Janaya and Zion received a \$25 voucher each.



PDSSSC Athletics Competition

McCarthy sent a large and strong contingent of athletes to the PDSSSC Competition on the 31st August. In sunny conditions, the students competed extremely well with a number of excellent performances. **Elissa Lee** (Year 9) enjoyed an excellent day, winning the U/15 Girls High Jump with a leap of 1.51m. She also placed 2nd in the Long Jump, 3rd in the Triple Jump and 100m and 4th in the 200m. **Sonny Lucas** (Year 7) placed 1st in the U/12 Boys 1500m and 2nd in the 800m. **Torrance McLean** (Year 8) continued her domination of distance running in the Diocese this year, adding the 1500m title to the Cross Country title she won earlier in the year. **Thomas Lewis** (Year 12) won the Open Boys Shot Put with a fine throw. A number of students achieved top 3 placings and all students were fine ambassadors for their College. Elissa, Sonny, Torrance and Thomas have all earned selection to compete at the NSWCCC Carnival on the 21st September and we wish them the best of luck.



PDSSSC Open Oz Tag Gala Day

McCarthy entered a Senior Boys team and a Senior Girls team into the PDSSSC Oz Tag Gala Day on the 10th September. The boys team under the guidance of Mr Stein played very well throughout the day and despite showing great comradery and team spirit, they fell just short of the finals series.

The Girls team enjoyed more success, remaining undefeated through the round games, matching them up against a strong Caroline Chisholm team in the Grand Final. Lead by Australian representative Sarah Blair, McCarthy ran out convincing 4-1 winners to be crowned Diocesan Champions. Congratulations to all the girls and their coach Mrs Christman.



Other Events

- ♦ Well done to the Open Girls Netball team who finished 2nd at the NSWCCC Netball Championships.
- ♦ The Intermediate Boys Rugby League team won their PDSSSC Grand Final, defeating MCHF in the Grand Final.
- ♦ The Intermediate Boys Soccer team won their PDSSSC Grand Final, defeating St Agnes 3-0.
- ♦ Season 3 of Rep Sport has begun with Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Oz Tag and Boys Cricket competitions.
- ♦ The U/16 Boys Rugby League team narrowly missed the Semi Finals of the State Knockout competition. The team qualified after their excellent win in the Panther Trophy competition.

Mr Craig Beacroft
Sports Coordinator

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...



OCTOBER	
Thursday 18th-Thursday 8th November	HSC Examination Period
NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 6th	Year 6 Orientation Day (Year 7 2019 students)
Wednesday 7th	Year 7 2019 Parent Information Evening - 6:00pm
Friday 9th	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Monday 12th	Staff Formation Day - PUPIL FREE DAY
Wednesday 14th	PDSSSC Sports Blues Awards
Friday 16th	Year 12 Formal - 6:30pm Penrith Panthers Leagues Club
Wednesday 21st	Year 9 PASS Surf Safe Excursion
Monday 26th-Friday 14th December	Year 11 TTC Industry Placement
DECEMBER	
Wednesday 5th	Stage 4 and 5 TAS/CAPA Showcase - 4:00pm-5:30pm
Monday 10th	Year 10 Formal - Penrith Panthers Leagues Club
Friday 14th	Year 7-11 Semester Two Awards Ceremony
Wednesday 19th	Last Day of Term 4 For students