



## *College Newsletter*



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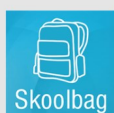
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and friends of the McCarthy Community

The last few weeks have been incredibly busy with many wonderful events and celebrations at McCarthy. Our **McCarthy Day 2018** was absolutely sensational because of the energy, drive and commitment of the staff, students and friends of the McCarthy learning community. We were honoured to have special guests Anne and Margaret Dwyer who are the direct descendants of James and Mary McCarthy who the College was named after 30 years ago. It was amazing hearing the story of who the McCarthy family was as one of the first families to the area given a land grant and contributed significantly to the development of the Emu Plains region. The liturgical celebration encompassed student interviews of the McCarthy family ancestors, as well recognition of our indigenous brothers and sisters. My appreciation to Mr Rob Feeney our REC for the planning of our liturgy as a focal point of faith for our community. There were also many carnival rides, activities including the Ninja Warrior to challenge everyone. Overall it was an amazing day of community learning and challenges that enabled us to bond further in our relationships with each other. The final highlight of the day was the Staff versus Students touch football game. For the first time in the history of the College, Year 12 were victorious and the combined efforts of our Year 12 students was absolutely amazing. Happy McCarthy Day 2018 one and all.

This week I had the pleasure of attending the **Bishop of Parramatta Awards for student Excellence** at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, along with Mr Feeney, Mrs Sparkes and Mr Wills. We were delighted that **Lauren Gale** (Year 12 TTC) was the 2018 recipient of this award for McCarthy Catholic College. The following citation was read beautifully by Ethan Young (Year 11) who spoke with great confidence making us extremely proud as a school community:

*Lauren Gale embodies the qualities of the McCarthy Catholic College motto; Integrity, Justice and Peace. As a member of Our Lady of Way Parish at Emu Plains, Lauren serves her community as a part of a team that led the St Vincent de Paul inaugural digital door knock in Penrith Plaza in February 2018. She is a trained member of the Vinnies Van team and is intending to continue to participate in the work of Vinnies after her HSC in November. Lauren's motivation to inform and empower her peers to participate in Relay for Life was instrumental in its success and led Naidoc Week celebrations at Emerton. These extraordinary responses enabled McCarthy to maintain its reputation in the community. As Vice Captain of the College Lauren has led and participated in Social Justice activities by being intimately involved in the leadership of the Social Justice Committee and organising the Jesuit Social Services appeal at McCarthy. She has actively participated in the Hagar foundation whose mission exists to restore the lives of women and children who have survived human trafficking, slavery and severe abuse. Her legacy is beginning a partnership with the PCYC Youth program, engaging with a hairdressing salon to assist youth. It is from this platform, as a Trade Training Centre student, that she was a Finalist for Western Sydney Training Awards for Schools-Based Apprentice of the Year in 2018.*



I would like to extend a very warm and special **welcome to the new students** who have joined our learning community this term:

**Year 7** Jacquelyn Seaborn  
**Year 8** Carly Richardson  
**Year 9** Alison Demmitt

*Welcome!*

Today we announced our incoming school leaders for 2018-2019 (listed below). I was filled with immense joy and pride in congratulating the following Year 11 students who will be our new school captains and vice captains:

**School Captains:**

Lily Meyer-Gleaves  
Emerson Rovere

**Student Leaders:**

Raquel Bugeja  
Justin Cooper  
Lachlan De Giorgio  
Ayesha Hassan  
Tiana Pienkosz  
Aidan Rowe  
Akshay Wakankar  
Kaitlyn Cooney  
Clelia Davies  
Caitlin Doughty  
Luke Gale  
Olivia Haggett  
Thomas Howe  
Jeremy Jordan  
Corey Pattinson  
Jemma Tomas  
Kieran Wright



We will be inducting all new student leaders who will take on a ministry at the start of Term 4 with Fr Reggie leading this important community celebration. Parents will receive an invitation in the coming weeks and we certainly hope that everyone is able to attend and join into this important event whereby we can acknowledge the important positions and ministries that these young people will be taking on during Term 4 2018 and during 2019. Congratulations to all students who will form the student leadership team. I would like to congratulate all students who have worked in close partnership with Mr Stein and Mr Levy in the leadership training program to build student capabilities for leadership potential.

Enjoy the final weeks of the school term and God Bless.

**Mrs Tania Cairns**  
**Principal Leader**

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## *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.





## FROM THE COLLEGE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Students

I've recently been privileged to help people in our community restore relationships and fractures in friendships or just learn about one another. I hope you might find the following information useful in your life as I do in both my work (here at McCarthy) and private life.

### Communication

Communication is more than just talking. Relationships have many different aspects...

This includes:

- **Companionship** - sharing experiences, interests and concerns, showing affection and appreciation.
- **Intimacy** - being able to be close to each other, to comfort and be comforted, and to be open and honest with each other.
- **Organising** a shared home and a shared family life; making decisions together and working through issues.
- **Working together** as a family to care for one another or working together as parents in caring for children.

Open and honest communication is a key element to all these aspects of relationships. You might have differences, but if you know what they are and why your child/friend/parent/partner/teacher/neighbour etc feels that way, you can often talk matters through and reach agreement. Double checking your understanding of what the other person is saying can be useful. Misunderstandings can easily occur and can lead to hurt, anger, feelings of rejection or confusion.

### Communication is more than just talking

You give a great deal of information without using words, by your body posture, your tone of voice, and by the expression on your face – and you can see others doing the same. These non-verbal ways of communicating tell the other person how you feel about them. If your feelings don't fit with your words, it tends to be the non-verbal messages that are heard and believed.

**To enhance communication you can:**

- be kind every day and give them a smile when you make eye contact.
- set aside time to talk without interruption from other people or distractions like tv, phones or computer games.
- talk about what is happening in your lives, the good and the not-so-good, and how it affects you. Talk about small things and big matters; about something funny you saw or heard; about how you'd like to spend your birthday; or where you'd like to go for a holiday one day and your concerns about anyone else in your lives.
- when appropriate, in a respectful way, try to tell your child/friend/parent/partner/teacher/neighbour etc what you are feeling and thinking about a particular matter, even if it might upset him or her.
- really listen to and observe your child/friend/parent/partner/teacher/neighbour etc and try to understand his or her intentions, needs and wants.
- state what you want and need and negotiate if you have differences.
- Ask someone outside the situation that you trust to help you and your child/friend/parent/partner/teacher/neighbour etc sort things out before they escalate.

Please know, we are here to help. Your child's teacher, the KLA Leader of Learning or Year Leader of Learning, our School Counsellor Jess and any member of the Executive Leadership are all open to conversations that may help us to support your child and build stronger connections with your family and all of our community.

God bless and take care of one another.

**Mrs Peta Sparkes**  
**Assistant Principal**





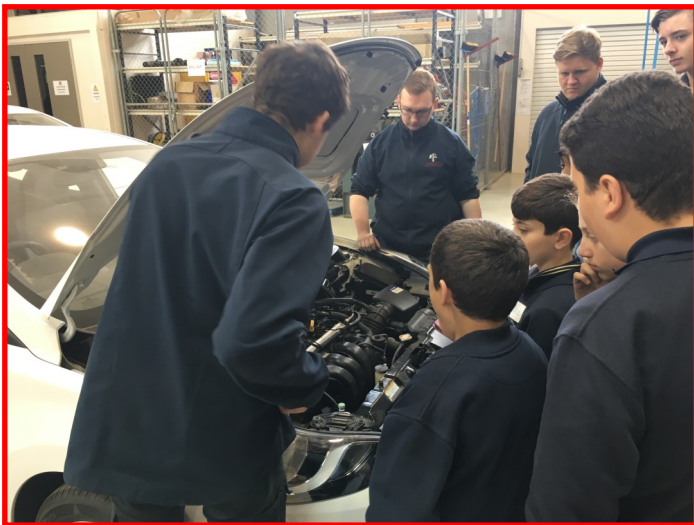
## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL TRADE TRAINING CENTRE

**National Skills Week** was held from 27 August - 2 September and was an opportunity for all stakeholders in Vocational Education and Training (VET) to showcase the great work of the sector in Australia and promote the encouraging research that highlights the critical role that VET will play in future careers.

McCarthy hosted two significant events during National Skills Week. On Tuesday 28 August, we hosted a specifically designed Vocational Skills Showcase for Primary Schools, where our Year 12 students led primary school students through some of the trades and vocational studies available in the senior years of their schooling. There was also a special presentation by the Primary Industries students and an opportunity to interact with the animals. We have received positive feedback from many of the primary school parents and are encouraged to hear that this has started a rich conversation in many households about future career options. We are extremely proud of the way the McCarthy students led and designed the activities for the younger students.

On Friday 31 August, we also hosted a Breakfast BBQ for employers and agencies engaged in the Trade Training Centre School Based Apprenticeship program, where we were able to conduct tours of the TTC facilities and gain input on the needs of employers to help shape our future programs.

**Mr John Wills**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**Trade Training Centre**



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Feast of the Assumption Mass

On 15 August McCarthy Catholic College were represented at the Mass of the Assumption by our new Altar Servers and World Youth Day Pilgrims. Mr Testa has been training Michael, James and Liam (James, absent) and were very blessed to meet Fr Regie for the first time. Sharna'e Tanti and Emily Beggs spoke to Fr Regie about the Pilgrimage to Panama as an 'encounter' to awaken their potential. Joining the celebration were leaders from our feeder school, Our Lady of the Way, Miss Coutinho and Mrs McDonald (McCarthy). The message relayed by Fr Regie during mass challenged the congregation to be in right relationship with God and others, to act as Mary did with love and mercy and concluded with a blessing: *Mary, Mother of tenderness who is always near, teach us how to live and have faith.*



**With your help, Vinnies can provide:**

- Immediate relief through food assistance and other household bill payments.
- Fund the delivery of water and animal feed by partner organisations.
- Organise social events for rural communities to come together and find support.

**Donate online or by calling [13 18 12](tel:131812)**



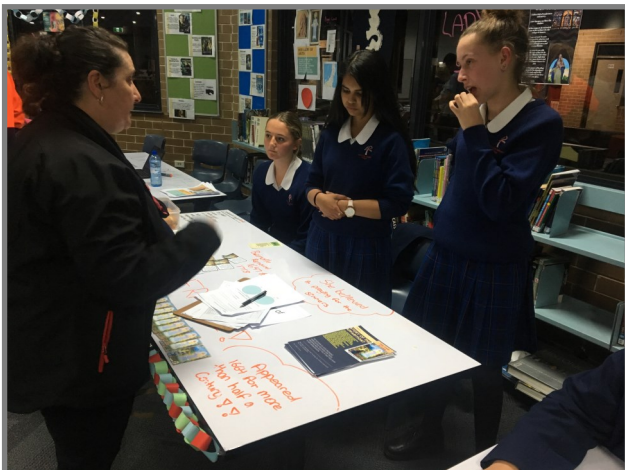
## Marian EXPO

In Week 6, Year 9 successfully held the Third Annual Marian EXPO. Each group of students developed and set up an exhibition stall on a particular apparition of Our Lady, in an effort to educate parents, families and friends about the many and various times the Mother of God appeared to Christians in order to call them to conversion and repentance. The night was a great success, and was enjoyed by all, especially the students. One student even commented on Google Classroom to their peers, delighting in the engaging nature of the assessment task:

*"I'm so proud of each and everyone of you guys. One of the best projects I've done. I thoroughly enjoyed myself. Thank you guys!"*

**Mr Robert Feeney**

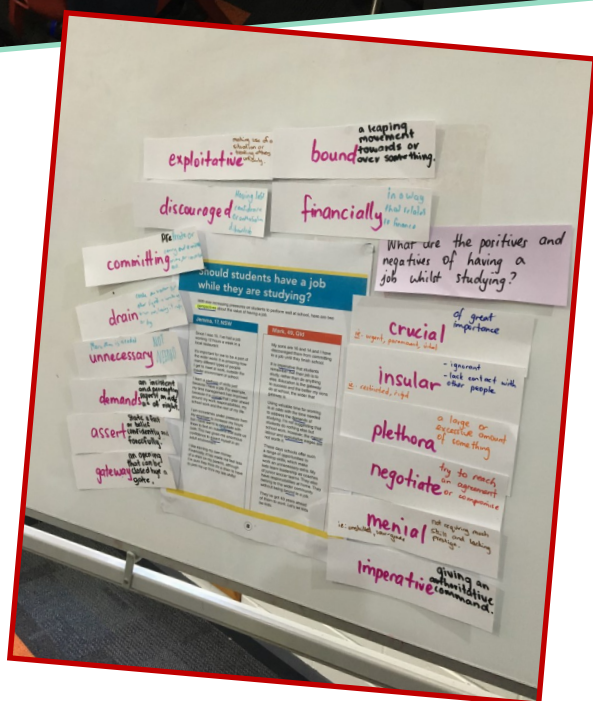
**Leader of Religious Education and Mission**





# HEAD OF INNOVATION AND DIVERSITY

*"Around the Grounds.... Diverse Learning at McCarthy Catholic College"*



Mrs Anna Keogh  
Head of Innovation and Diversity





## PDHPE UPDATE

### **Year 12 PDHPE**

We are very proud of the efforts Year 12 have put into their Major PDHPE Project and the product they have created.

Students have just completed their Trial HSC Examination and are now hard at work preparing for their HSC Examination.



### **Year 9 PASS and Year 11 PDHPE**

Mr Luchetti's Year 11 PDHPE students and Mr Beacroft and Mr Hunt's Year 9 PASS students have been thoroughly enjoying their boot camp, group fitness, and plyometrics activities.



### **Year 11 and 12 SLR**

Year 7 and 8 students and the staff at McCarthy would like to thank and congratulate all Sport, Lifestyle and Recreational students for their tremendous efforts in running integrated sport during Terms 2 and 3 this year.



**Mr Ben Hunt**  
**Leader of Learning - PDHPE**



## HSIE Report

### Year 7 Geography

Mr Cuneo's Year 7 Geography class enjoyed discovering how the process of erosion works. Students simulated the process using soil and cups of water! Students are to be commended for their effort and behaviour during this lesson of learning.



### Japanese students visit Year 11 Society and Culture Class

Year 11 Society and Culture students have been studying *Intercultural Communication* this term with a focus on the cultural differences between Australia and Japan. Last week the visiting Japanese students from Akifuchi paid them a visit in class, giving them the opportunity to put what they'd learned into practice, and ask a range of questions about growing up in Japan. This was enlightening for all the students, and concluded with a look at popular culture for teens in both countries.

Mrs Peta Lewin

Leader of Learning - HSIE





## TRADE TRAINING CENTRE

Year 11 Trade Training Centre Catholic Studies students are studying the unit 'A Christian Vision of the World', with focus on leading lives in the footsteps of Jesus through better understanding of social justice in the community.

Ms Nohra's class examined their empathy skills and the impact of the pursuit of material wealth in the gap between rich and poor. They were each assigned a role to play in a poverty simulation where some citizens had money and others had none, but everyone needed the same things to survive.

There was lots of bartering and buying and a couple of citizens (and shopkeepers) were sent to jail for stealing or nuisance by the police officer! Don't worry, the clergyman and welfare worker were there giving donations and providing support, but even they had had enough by the end of the half hour time frame!

**Mrs Peta Weber**  
**Leader of Learning**  
**Trade Training Centre**



## YEAR 8 REPORT

### Aim Higher!!

This term Year 8 had the opportunity to participate in an incursion brought to the school by Western Sydney University. 'Aim Higher' is a production aimed at encouraging students to seek a trade, TAFE or tertiary education options after they finish school.

The feedback from Year 8 about 'Aim Higher' was extremely positive and it was great to see the grade so active in their participation during the event.



### Student Learning Profiles / Levels

Year 8 will have come home with their Term 3 Learning Profiles. It's important that all parents/guardians sign and return these profiles to their child's homeroom teacher. It's also a great opportunity to have a conversation with your child about where they are at with their subjects, what they're doing well and where they can take steps to move forward.

So far this term we have had two students in Year 8 apply to move up to the next positive behaviour level which is fantastic to see. Mrs Petrovski and I are looking forward to seeing many more applications being submitted by Year 8.

### Attendance

You will have noticed an attendance update sent out via our Skoolbag app. To echo the words of Mrs Cairns there is improvement needed in Year 8 regarding our current level of attendance. Our percentage is currently sitting at 71.4%. It is vital that your child attends school everyday. "Being at school allows your child to engage in their learning fully and maintain healthy relationships with their peers and teachers".

**Mrs Shannon Matthews**  
**Assistant Stage 4 Leader of Learning**

## YEAR 10 REPORT

### Class Captain Contributions..

*My name is Shelby-Rose Fuller. I am the female representative Class Captain for 10.4. Some of my responsibilities as a class captain are handing out notes and reading out the Daily Notices.*

*My favourite subject this year is PDHPE because it gets me up and active and having fun. In Year 10 this term, I have really enjoyed being class captain.*

*One aspect I've really enjoyed about being in Year 10 this year is the Athletics Carnival and I'm looking forward to the Year 10 Formal Dinner at the end of the year.*

**Shelby-Rose Fuller (10.4)**

*My name is Rahul Wakankar and I am the Class Captain for 10.2. Some of my responsibilities as a Class Captain are making sure my class is under control and homeroom is running smoothly.*

*My favourite subject this year is Drama because we get to act on our feet. In Year 10 this term, sport has been excellent because it's been very interactive and fun.*

*One aspect I've really enjoyed about being in Year 10 this year is the learning we have received!*

**Rahul Wakankar (10.2)**

**Mrs Marian Samuel**

**Leader of Learning - Year 10**

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## YEAR 11 REPORT

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the wonderful work of the **Year 11 Business Studies** class for their work in the lead up to and on the day for the Business Stalls during McCarthy Day. Each year they add an extra dimension to our celebrations and this year was no different. Special thanks to Mr Cuneo and Mrs Lewin for their tireless efforts in supporting the students. Together, the class raised over \$1500 for the farmers through drought relief.

We then had Year 11 strongly represented in the **Penrith Show**. Tiana Pienkosz, Lily Meyer-Gleaves and Nathan Gregory are integral members of the team and their passion for "Ag" at our school is obvious and manifests itself in extensive work for the college.

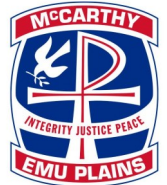
Finally, Year 11 Mainstream students are preparing for their final examinations that are occurring in the second half of Week 8 and the whole of Week 9. The results of the final examinations will support students in deciding which of their preliminary courses they will drop for the HSC. I know I was told to have a spare subject when I did my HSC a long time ago. However, there is overwhelming evidence that shows students who are looking to achieve an ATAR are more successful when they have their 10 units of HSC examinable course work. We also know that students achieve better in subjects that they feel a connection with and when they have a good relationship with teachers. I encourage all students and their families to spend good quality time discerning which subject is best to drop moving into the HSC year.

**Mr Martin Stein**

**Stage 6 Leader of Learning**

every learner  
every day 





# McCarthy Day





# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...



<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Monday 3rd-Friday 21st	Year 11 TTC VET/Industry Placement Block
Wednesday 12th-Friday 21st	Year 11 Preliminary Examinations
Friday 21st	NSWCCC Athletics Championships
Monday 24th	Year 12 Breakfast/Graduation Rehearsal
Tuesday 25th	Year 12 Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony
Wednesday 26th	Year 12 Picnic Day (optional)
Thursday 27th	Year 12 Award Recipients Assembly - at school
Friday 28th	<b>Last Day of Term 3 for students</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
Monday 15th	<b>First Day of Term 4 for students</b>
Wednesday 17th	HSC Parent Information Evening - 6:00pm (Located in MLC)
Thursday 18th-Thursday 8th November	HSC Examination Period
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
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	<b>Staff Formation Day - PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
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

## **FIRST YOUTH MASS!!! 22ND SEPTEMBER OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH – Vigil Mass 6pm**

If you would like to be part of a youth band, you are welcome to attend rehearsals in the Parish Hall ( [19 Troy St Emu Plains](#)) on Saturday 15th September at 7pm and Friday evening 21st September at 7pm. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

Phone: 4735 1041

**ALL HSC STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL VIGIL—6PM MASS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE STUDENTS DOING THEIR H.S.C ON 13TH OCTOBER FOLLOWED BY A SAUSAGE SIZZLE.**





**REGENTVILLE**  
**RURAL FIRE BRIGADE**  
**OPEN DAY**

**22<sup>ND</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 2018**

**10AM – 2PM**

**20 JEANETTE STREET, REGENTVILLE**

**FIRE TRUCK AND HELICOPTER DISPLAY**

**DEMONSTRATIONS**

**BBQ & MUCH MORE!!!**

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