

McCARTHY CATHOLIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer



God of new beginnings,
we are walking into mystery.
We face the future, not knowing
what the days and months will bring us
or how we will respond.
Be love in us as we journey.
May we welcome all who come our way.
Amen

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Welcome

Welcome to the beginning of the 2009 school year. A special welcome to families who are new to the McCarthy community. We hope that your time with us is enjoyable and rewarding for your children.

McCarthy Executive Staff for 2009

Principal:	Mrs Kate Rayment
Assistant Principal:	Mrs Sally Sparke
Teaching & Learning Co-ordinator:	Mrs Sally Sparke
Religious Education Co-ordinators:	Mrs Cate Allen Mrs Carol Wheaton Mrs Julie McGregor
Pastoral Care Co-ordinator:	Mr Mark Falkenmire
Student Management Co-ordinator:	

Staff Changes

We welcome the following new staff to McCarthy:

Mrs Katrina Sullivan:	English Co-ordinator and Teacher
Mr Dan Mitchell:	Technology & Mathematics Teacher
Miss Ellene Travassaros:	English Teacher
Miss Rebecca Lasorsa:	English/HSIE Teacher
Mr Tyler Ford:	IT Support

We also welcome the return of Ms Suzanne Day as TAS Co-ordinator and Textiles Teacher. Mr Andrew Davy is replacing PDHPE/RE Teacher Mrs Ashleigh Jones for the duration of her maternity leave.

The following are changes to roles of existing staff:

Mr James Vella:	Science Co-ordinator
Mr Bernie Williams:	Year 7 Co-ordinator
Mr Luke Adams:	Boys Education Co-ordinator
Mr Mark Falkenmire:	Sports Co-ordinator
Mrs Sarah Sommerlad:	Mathematics Teacher

HSC Dux

Our Year 12 students in 2008 performed extremely well in the Higher School Certificate. Students can feel justifiably proud of their results. The Dux of the school is awarded to the student who achieves the highest University Admissions Index or UAI. For 2008 this award is presented to Katie Lillyman. The presentation will be made to Katie at our assembly next week.

Distribution of Newsletter

Newsletters are available on the McCarthy website (www.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au) on Day 9 (every second Thursday) of the timetable. A paper copy of the Newsletter is available to those families who require it by contacting Debra Wade in the office.

Hours of School & Supervision

The playground will be supervised from 8.20am. After school, students will be supervised in the bus bay area until the last bus leaves.

Absentees

Government regulations require that schools document all student absences with reasons eg. illness, approved leave etc. Please provide the school with an explanation of your child's absence by way of a letter upon their return or a phone call on the day of their absence. Follow up letters will be forwarded to parents/guardians seeking explanation if this has not been provided. It is very important

that students attend Homeclass for roll marking or sign in via the office if they are late to school.

Students Late For School



The bell for the beginning of school goes at 8.40am. It is very important that students who arrive after this time are to complete an entry in the late book in the office. Parents need to bring late students to the office and sign the book. Letters will be posted home for unexplained lateness or absences.

Dropping Off & Picking Up Students

Those parents who pick up their children **after** school are asked to drive along the road to the back of the Hall and park on this road for the pick up. The car park becomes congested and dangerous if cars wait in the middle of the car park.

It is important that the 10km/hr speed limit in the school grounds be adhered to.

The dropping off in the morning and the pick up of students **before** 3.00pm can still take place in front of the office.



Parents are asked not to pick up students in the carpark after 3.00pm nor in the bus bay.

Early Departure

Parents are required to sign for students who are leaving the school before the normal finishing time of 3.00pm. This also applies if the student is returning to school later in the day.

Pedestrian Entry and Exit



Students who walk to or from school must use either the Children's Crossing in Tribe Street or the designated section of Johnston Street at the end of the oval.

Student and Family Information Update Form

Please complete the Student and Family Information Update Form that was sent home with students this week and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Change of Student Details

It is imperative that the office be advised about any change of detail from last year eg change in family situation, address, workplace, phone numbers – mobile and landline for home and work.

Student Planners

All students have been issued with a 2009 Student Planner. These Planners contain important information about the school and expectations along with excellent support material to assist students plan and manage their learning. They are to be used for communication between home and the school and as a record of aspects of the student's academic program. Please check each child's planner regularly and encourage them to use this resource effectively.

Illness at School

Students are reminded that when they fall ill at school, they are to inform their teacher and report to the office where sick bay is located. Office staff will assess students and contact parents if necessary. Students are asked NOT to phone their parents as this is the legal responsibility of the school.

Mrs Kate Rayment - Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Welcome back to another school year. We are excited about working with a new team of leaders this year. Any change brings new ideas and focuses and this has resulted in a sense of a 'fresh start' within the school as we begin this school year.

We have some new staff members teaching Religious Education this year and we look forward to having them working with our team of established RE teachers.

We hope that we can inspire our students to improve their knowledge of religion and provide for them opportunities to grow in their religious faith.

We aim also to provide, for both staff and parents, opportunities for spiritual growth. The first opportunity in this regard will be the Lenten

Program which will run at the school one evening during Lent. We will notify the exact time and evening in the next newsletter.

Mrs Cate Allen, Mrs Carol Wheaton
Religious Education Co-ordinators

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DIARY DATES



16 February:	Elevate Education (Year 12)
17 February:	Board Meeting AGM – 5.30pm
17 February:	Association Meeting – 7.30pm
23 February:	Year 7 Welcome BBQ 6pm – 7pm
25 February:	University Roadshow
25 February:	Ash Wednesday
26 February:	School Twilight Swimming Carnival
27 February:	Pupil Free Day
3 March:	Questacon Smart Moves
4 March:	CCC Triathlon
6 March:	Diocesan U15's Rugby League – Barraba
13 March:	Diocesan Swimming Carnival – Gunnedah
16-20 March:	Year 10 Canberra Excursion
17 March:	CCC Boys Hockey
18 March:	Astronomy Night
20 March:	Diocesan Soccer
23 March:	CCC Girls Hockey
23-26 March:	Warraymalaya Aboriginal Retreat
25 March:	The Annunciation
25-27 March:	Year 7 Outdoor Education
5 April:	Palm Sunday
8 April:	Regional Rugby League
9 April:	Holy Thursday
9 April:	Term 1 concludes

PASTORAL CARE

Welcome to the 2009 school year

We extend a warm welcome to our new students in Year 7, 171 in total. It is wonderful to see their smiling faces and enthusiastic approach to high school despite the hot weather.

Also, we welcome students new to Years 8 - 11:

Year 8: Corey Cutmore, Jessica Crough, Thomas Hine, Alexandra King, Claire Rice

Year 9: Stacey Hill, Madelaine Jurd, Ellena Manoe, Nicola Scarth, James Tarte, Lesley Wong

Year 10: Madeline French, Tegan Hine, Jordan Mauger, Caitlin Reid, Christian Rice, Jacob Ritter

Year 11: Andrew McIlveen

We welcome families who are joining the McCarthy community for the first time. We hope that your association with the school will be positive in all respects.

Pastoral Support

The Pastoral Care team for 2009 includes:

Mrs Julie McGregor	Pastoral Care Co-ordinator
Mr Bernie Williams	Year 7 Co-ordinator
Ms Ginaya Wieland	Year 8 Co-ordinator/ Additional Needs
Mrs Sharon Stuart	Year 9 Co-ordinator
Mrs Libby Molony	Year 10 Co-ordinator
Mrs Jane Burt	Year 11 Co-ordinator
Mrs Fiona O'Neill	Year 12 Co-ordinator
Mr Steve Mair	School Counsellor
Mr Mark Falkenmire	Student Management Co-ordinator
Mr Luke Adams	Boys Education Co-ordinator
Mr Dave Coupland	Boys Education

Currently Mrs McGregor is on leave for the first few weeks of this term and I am filling her position as Pastoral Care Co-ordinator. Mr Adams is currently acting in the position of Year 9 Co-ordinator.

The team supports the students of McCarthy, Homeclass teachers and classroom teachers within our school. Positive growth is promoted in all areas. If at any time your child and / or family are experiencing any difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Condolences

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Toby and Nicholas Lowe, Ellen and Mrs Susan Barrett following the death of their grandmothers and mother in law in recent times.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Coupland who over the holidays became a grandfather to Lewis, and to Mrs Julia O'Neill on the engagement of her daughter.

Vaccinations

The first vaccinations for 2009 will take place on Thursday 5 March.

Year 7: Varicella (chicken pox), Hepatitis B Dose 1 and Human Papilloma Virus (cancer of the cervix)

Year 10: Booster of Diphtheria Tetanus, Whooping Cough

Other students from any other year may also have their completion dose of any of the above vaccinations.

The Parent Information Pack will be distributed to students at school over the coming weeks. Please assist us by reading the Parent Information Pack and carefully completing all required information on the front and back of the permission forms before returning to the Homeclass teacher.

Code of Conduct

At McCarthy our code of conduct promotes the Gospel values of **CARE, COURTESY, RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY**. These four key values could be applied to any situation in the students' life whilst they are attending McCarthy. This code of conduct applies to playground activities, classroom lessons, excursions and sporting events. These four values should help us in our relationships and decision making around the school. The code of conduct is also outlined in our Student Planner

Student Planner

A major feature of our Pastoral Care at McCarthy is the encouragement of the use of the Student Planner. Last week each student in Homeclass was issued with a 2009 Planner. This is an extremely important tool in aiding communication between teachers and parents; aiding in organisation such as the recording of homework and assessment dates; detailing school policy on matters of uniform and daily procedures and important dates. Parents/guardians are encouraged to read and sign their child's planner on a regular basis.

The planner on page ix (junior version) & page vii (senior version) outlines the contact points for parents if they have any concerns about pastoral matters or subject related issues.

The planners are to be brought to school each day and taken to each lesson. Replacement planners can be purchased from the front office at a cost of \$15.00 if a student loses their planner.

Labelling

Please label your child's clothing and equipment.

Phones and electronic equipment

Mobile phones and electronic equipment (such as ipods) may only be used before and after school and at recess and lunch time. Phones and electronic equipment used in class will be confiscated, stored in the office and returned at 3pm Friday.

A phone is located in the front office for student use at the cost of 50c per call. Parents will be contacted if your child is unwell. Urgent messages from parents can be relayed to students whilst they are at school via the front office.

Uniform

A detailed listing of uniform requirements is in the school planner. Please pay particular attention to:

- correct lace-up leather shoes
- girls' uniform is to be below the knee
- girls' navy socks are to be short (above the ankle)
- boys' undershirt to be white
- boys' belts are to be plain black
- no make up
- plain jewellery
- no facial piercing or tattooing

If you have difficulty in supplying the necessary uniform and equipment, please contact me for assistance. All enquiries will be treated with discretion and confidentiality.

Wonderful beginning

The students have started the school year in a positive manner. I have been impressed with their enthusiasm and initial application to their studies. Many students already have set goals for the year and have embraced the new school year with vigour and a sense of maturity. I look forward to the coming weeks.

Mrs Sharon Stuart - Acting Pastoral Care Co-ordinator

CURRICULUM MATTERS

"They are able who think they are able" Virgil (Roman poet 70-19 BC) At our first assembly for 2009, Mrs Rayment challenged all students to form goals for the year – goals for relationships, for service and for their academic life at school. The quote from Virgil makes it clear that in setting meaningful goals the key factor is a belief that you can do better. With a fresh start to the year everyone should challenge themselves to do a little, or a lot, better.

It is now a Board of Studies requirement that all Preliminary and HSC students complete the "All My Own Work" modules before March. All Year 12 and some Year 11 students have logged on to Moodle in order to complete these. A reminder to all other students that this is an extremely important prerequisite for all students of Stage 6.

Keeping teaching and learning as the focus for 2009 will help all students achieve their academic goals – and to demonstrate that "They are able who think they are able".

Mrs Sally Sparke - Teaching and Learning Co-ordinator

STUDENT MANAGEMENT

The Student Management Co-ordinator has the role of working with the Pastoral Care Team on the positive and negative aspects of student behaviour. The role will also be to oversee The Behaviour Management Spectrum, which is presented in the Student Planners, providing support for students of need in this area.

I encourage all parents/guardians to familiarise themselves with the Spectrum and school rules/student responsibilities listed in the Student Planners.

I also ask parents to send in any "outgrown" shoes in good condition to assist with Pastoral Care resources. Thank you for your assistance.

Mr Mark Falkenmire - Student Management Co-ordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Year 12 2008

Congratulations to the many Year 12 students from the class of 2008 who successfully applied for university. Many will be leaving Tamworth in the coming weeks while others are deferring to travel or seek employment. Many students have already gained jobs and apprenticeships.

Year 12

I encourage the current Year 12 students to make the most of each day as their year will go so quickly. The first career-related event for Year 12 will be the University Roadshow which will be held at McCarthy in the school hall on Wednesday 25 February. Students interested in attending university will be able to attend presentations by at least three universities.

This term I will be beginning the personal interviews with each Year 12 student. If students would like their interview in the coming weeks, please see me to arrange an appointment.

Jobs

If any parent is an employer or works for an organisation who is looking to employ a school leaver, please contact me at the school as I am able to email details to our past Year 12 students regarding any employment opportunities.

Careers Room

This year I will be available in the Careers Room behind M1 at lunchtimes on Tuesdays and Fridays to talk to and advise any student regarding career-related matters.

Mrs Susan Barrett - Careers Advisor

ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Staff Change

Miss Ginaya Wieland will be coordinating the Additional Needs area for all students from Years 7-12. The appointment of a new Additional Needs Teacher for Years 10-12 will be made later this term. The Additional Needs team at McCarthy would like to sincerely thank Mrs Sarah Sommerlad for her dedicated work within this area and wish her well in her new role as Mathematics Teacher.

Individual Programs Years 7-10

Students have started work on their individual times tables and spelling programs in Years 7-10. Further information will be sent home over the coming weeks and parents will be asked to further support these programs within the home environment.

Support for your child

All teachers have been provided with an information folder about all students in Years 7-12. This folder is used to help identify students with additional learning and support needs, along with identifying students who may need extension. If you have not yet notified the school about your child's needs, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Peer Tutoring

Once again McCarthy will be running a Peer Tutor Program for students in Years 7 and 10. All students in Year 10 were provided with information on how to apply to be a tutor at the end of last year. Additional forms are available for interested students from the front office. This program will begin later in Term 1 and proceed until the end of 2009.

Miss Ginaya Wieland - Additional Needs Teacher 7-12

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

"Bienvenue" and "Selamat Datang" to all Language students for 2009. Achieving proficiency in other languages is one of the great learning experiences in the human condition. The compelling reasons for learning languages reside in the intellectual enrichment of the individual learner – a better understanding of the world, Australia's place in it, and the many communities within Australia.

Language teachers Penny Crowley and Suzanne Perfrement spent January visiting Indonesia to further their Language and Cultural studies of Indonesian at the IALF (Indonesia and Australia Language Foundation). They are looking forward to sharing their experiences with their new Year 8 Indonesian classes.

All Year 8 students will be studying Language this year as part of the Board of Studies mandatory requirement for their School Certificate.

Notes will be coming home from first lessons regarding the companion workbook needed for their course.

Penny Crowley - Language Teacher

YEAR 7

Welcome to Year 7 students and their families for 2009. It has been an impressive start. Year 7 set record times working with their combination locks and assigning of lockers. Wearing of the correct uniform and their manners have been excellent. Thank you to all families for your support during this exciting time for Year 7 students. Day 1 was very busy with me talking, talking and talking some more! Year 7 familiarised themselves with timetables, Homeclasses, finding class rooms, meeting 20 or more teachers, saying "hi" to a friend, learning combinations for lockers, filling out forms, finding a table in the shade in the Year 7 playground, picking up papers, keeping the area clean, and finding and catching the correct bus home at 3pm.

The Welcome to Year 7 BBQ will be held on Monday 23 February from 6pm – 7pm. A note will be sent home soon with more details.

Year 7 Area

We have introduced a Year 7 only playground area to help with the transition to Secondary School. This area is located behind the Technology and Art rooms and has provided a place for students to create and promote new friendships, play sport and enjoy casual conversation throughout recess and lunch.

A reminder to Year 7 students:

- **Sport** – Listen to the Daily Notices read out in Homeclass each morning for sign up details
- **Afternoon Pickups** – Students line up opposite the Year 7 playground NOT at the front office
- **Canteen Lunches** – Are to be ordered at Recess and collected from the Canteen at lunchtime.
- Students should practice their writing skills and read a novel to help achieve your academic goals for the year.
- **Friends are important.** Please keep smiling and friendships will develop.

Thank you to all the families, teachers, Aides and Office staff for helping students on their first day at Secondary School.

Mr Bernie Williams – Year 7 Co-ordinator

YEAR 8

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to Year 8 students as they begin the 2009 school year. It has been great to catch up with the students about their exciting holiday adventures. This year we have some new students joining us from various locations and we would like to welcome Jessica Crough, Alexandra King, Claire Rice, Corey Cutmore and Thomas Hine to McCarthy and Year 8. A big thank you to Kierly Budd, Stephanie Elsley, Jessica Moore, Lachlan McLeod and Nicholas Lyons who have acted as wonderful buddies to these students over the first 2 weeks.

The new structure of classes has been working well and both students and teachers are enjoying the change. New Student Planners were handed out last week and I encourage the students to actively use these to assist with organisation and planning. I am extremely excited about another successful year together and look forward to the many achievements and continued growth of Year 8 students in 2009.

Please feel free to contact me at school or through my email: g.wieland@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au

Miss Ginaya Wieland - Year 8 Co-ordinator

YEAR 9

As the acting Year 9 Co-ordinator for the next few weeks I would like this opportunity to welcome back Year 9 to school for the beginning of Stage 5 studies at McCarthy in 2009. This year provides Year 9 with the exciting and perhaps sometimes daunting opportunity of taking more control of their education by selecting elective subjects to study this year. I encourage Year 9 students to begin this year with the enthusiasm required to be successful academically and be willing to contribute to the school in a positive way. The beginning of a new year allows all students and parents to set goals for the proceeding year and begin planning ways in which to achieve these whether they be academic, cultural, spiritual, sporting or social.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new students who have entered our school into Year 9 and hope that they are settling into McCarthy smoothly and are finding it easy to make new groups of friends. Although my time with Year 9 as Year Co-ordinator is short, I look forward to the opportunity to get to know these students more closely and am keen to see that they start 2009 on a positive note.

Mr Luke Adams – Acting Year 9 Co-ordinator

YEAR 10

Welcome back to all and a special welcome to the new Year 10 students for 2009. Madeline French, Caitlin Reid, Tegan Hine, Christian Rice, Jordan Mauger and Jacob Ritter. I wish these new students all the very best for the year and hope they enjoy their time here at McCarthy. A reminder to all that the Year 10 Excursion to

Canberra will be held during Week 8 of this term and any student who is yet to collect a form for this may do so by going to the front office.

A Year meeting was held Tuesday and all students had the opportunity to vote for their SLC members for 2009. These representatives will be announced as soon as possible. Congratulations to Jack Maunder for his outstanding performance with the horse sports during the holidays. Well done Jack.

I encourage all Year 10 students to make a fresh start to their School Certificate year and ask them to set special personal goals towards improving their studies both at school and home.

I look forward to an exciting year and ask parents to please feel free to contact me at the college any time if you have issues in relation to your child's education.

Mrs Libby Molony - Year 10 Co-ordinator

YEAR 11

Welcome back to you all, I hope you had a wonderful holiday. It was a very strange feeling seeing you all in senior uniforms this week.

Timetables have been given out and adjustments, if any, are being made. Those who have blank spaces in their timetables are reminded that these are study periods, not free periods. You are expected to put these to good use and be in the allocated room.

Please refer to "Uniform" elsewhere in this Newsletter or in the School Planner for details of requirements.

School begins at 8.40am every day and you are expected to be in Homeclass on time. If you are sick please ring in 67610800. You must sign in/out with a note or phone call from parent/guardian.

I am available to talk and work through any problems you are having. Feel free to email me at any time at j.burt@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au

Have a wonderful year, work hard, stay calm, talk things through and come and see me if you feel the need.

Mrs Jane Burt - Year 11 Co-ordinator

YEAR 12

Year 12 students have returned and settled back into their school routine very well. It is good to see that many kept up some study habits in the holidays and this has made their return to school a lot smoother.

All students have received their Student Planner. It is a different format to previous years with a wealth of information for both parents and students. It would be of benefit for parents/carers and students to read these in the early weeks of 2009. I hope that the new Year 11/12 format will enhance the organisation of our senior students.

Students are encouraged to make good use of their planners and calendars as assessment dates start to be issued in various subjects along with a number of dates for Year 12 events.

Students will be attending study seminars in Week 4 of this term. Please try and keep free the evening of Monday 16 February for a Parent Seminar with the group "Elevate Education". More information will be provided to your students over the coming week.

Students who drive to school are reminded that school starts at 8.40am with Homeclass. Also students who have study periods scheduled on their timetable must attend the senior study room or the classroom shown on their timetable.

Mrs Fiona O'Neill - Year 12 Co-ordinator
fiona@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au

WIND ENSEMBLE

McCarthy Catholic College has a Wind Ensemble which meets once a week. Here is an opportunity for students to learn to play a wind instrument, and an opportunity for those who can already play, to be part of a group. Instruments are available for hire at school. Come and join our group and learn a life-long skill.

Mrs Suzanne Perfrement

SADAKO'S PAPER CRANES

The 1273 paper cranes that McCarthy folded in Term 4 of 2008, made it safely to Hiroshima where they were placed at the Children's Peace Memorial Monument in the Peace Park. The Park is preserved in commemoration of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945 and the remains of a single building, now known as the A-bomb dome still stand within this park. Did you know: The atomic bomb dropped in Hiroshima actually detonated 600m up from the ground; this is why the A-bomb dome, which was directly beneath the blast, was not destroyed. McCarthy has now joined with students from all around the world in a bid for world peace.

Miss Kathryn O'Sullivan

SPORT

Managers & Coaches Needed

Welcome to all the new students and their families to McCarthy Catholic College. There are plenty of sports on offer for players, managers and coaches. Any people interested in coaching sport for 2009 please call me at school.

Waterpolo

Sport for Term 1 has commenced with Waterpolo training Friday mornings and games on Monday nights for girls and Tuesday nights for boys.

Cricket

Cricket is underway for under 16's, under 14's and Year 7's.

Basketball

Once again this year, McCarthy will be extremely competitive at the local basketball levels with strong representation in the Wednesday Night Secondary School Competition. Names which have been left at the Bookroom were placed into teams in their respective year groups on Tuesday night at the McCarthy Basketball Association meeting held at school. Shorts, which will match the singlets that will be provided, can be purchased from the Bookroom for \$37. Please stay posted for more information about how to collect these. AGM will be held at 7pm on 3 March in the Meeting Room at school. See you there.

Soccer

Tamworth Football Club is having their registration days at Federation Park on Wednesday 11 and 18 February from 4pm – 5.30pm and Sunday 22 February from 9am – 11am. For further information contact Jan Johnson ph: 6761 8575 or Wayne May ph: 6762 1213 (ah).

Touch Football

The Secondary School Mixed Touch Football competition commences Thursday 19 February. Games start at either 4.30pm or 5.10pm. McCarthy has several teams entered. Good luck! Please check the Bookroom window for your draw each week. For further information contact Tamworth Touch Association ph: 6762 0763.

Oztag

The 2009 Summer Competition is commencing on Wednesday 11 February. Students should already have their team organised. For further information please contact Katrina Davis ph: 6765 2561.

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 26 February at the Tamworth City Pool for Years 7-12. Please note this is a Twilight Carnival from 3pm-7.30pm. Friday 27 February will be a Pupil Free Day.

For information on all sports see the Bookroom window.

Mr Mark Falkenmire – Sports Co-ordinator

CLOTHING POOL



The Clothing Pool operates on a voluntary basis and is opened each Wednesday from 12.30pm – 1.30pm. The Clothing Pool is situated in the Administration Block. Students are permitted to buy clothing during their lunch break on Wednesdays.

If you have uniforms to be sold at the Clothing Pool, **please label** them clearly with name, price and phone number. If an item is not labelled we will assume that it is a donation.

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED



Welcome new parents to our school community. A separate Canteen letter has already been sent out via your students.

We are in need of new helpers. Could you please complete the form and return it to school if you are able to assist. Could parents who were on the roster last year please complete the form also.

Thank you in anticipation and I look forward to meeting you.

Mrs Beth Ryan

MCCARTHY ASSOCIATION

The next Association Meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the staffroom on Tuesday 17 February 2009. Please note this is an ordinary meeting and not an Annual General Meeting. Anyone wishing to be involved in any way is invited to attend. New parents to the school, as well as current ones, are most welcome to attend.

Country Music

Another successful year for the Country Music Accommodation was held again at our school. Many thanks must go to Paul McDougall, Michael Herden, Ned Forrest, Adam Szyz and to all who stayed with us. Details on amount raised will be available soon.

Mrs Kerry Adams – Accommodation Co-ordinator