



College Newsletter



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and friends of the McCarthy community

It has been quite a fast moving term with many achievements and much progress in our strengthening learning culture at McCarthy. This term we also farewelled two long serving staff members, **Mr Tim Cook** and **Mrs Simone Blattman**.

Staff Farewells

Mr Tim Cook has been at the college for 17 Years, initially as a Science teacher and then as Leader of Learning Science where he ably led his Science teaching team. Tim saw many changes in his time at the college and was integral in Agriculture commencing. Tim also taught Year 11 and 12 Biology which was his real passion and love. His quiet, yet focused manner allowed each member of his team to work with great respect and regard for each other, a value which he instilled in his team.

Tim has moved to teaching Science at OLMC Parramatta and we wish him well in his future endeavours both personally and professionally. Thank you Tim for your commitment to Science and dedication to leading the work on our school timetable. We wish Tim all the very best as he embarks on the next stage of his career and thank him enormously for his generosity and sincerity during these significant years of his career.



Mrs Simone Blattman taught at the college for 16 years and brought many wonderful gifts to the college. Simone was a gifted PDHPE teacher always giving her absolute best to all classes from Year 7 through to Year 12. Simone was also a brilliant vocalist and musician making a significant contribution to the arts through her performance work, teaching music and M Factor over the years.

Simone will now focus on her young family and working as a casual teacher across a number of our local catholic primary schools. In 2019, Simone's role was the Sport Coordinator, a position that she fulfilled with great drive and passion. Simone's welcoming smile and warm personality will be missed. as a part of our learning and faith community. We wish Simone well and thank her sincerely for her outstanding contributions to so many aspects of school life at MCC.



Mother's Day Liturgy

Thank you to all families who were able to attend our Mother's Day liturgy in Week 2 of the term. The liturgy was a wonderful celebration of the special relationship that students have with their Mums and carers in their lives. Students were able to present a Mother's Day Prayer card and a small gift to the special people in their life who were able to attend. This year we filled our Mackillop Learning Centre (MLC) with all those who were able to participate in this lovely community celebration followed by morning tea together. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Mr Feeney and Mr Nekic for their preparation of the liturgy and extend our appreciation to those who were able to join us and celebrate the gift of mothers in our lives and their amazing role.



Attendance

Everyday attendance at school is incredibly important and we are very pleased to report great improvement in our student attendance during the course of Term 2. Even one day per fortnight can establish a negative pattern for students and can often be an unnecessary absence that ultimately affects their ability to learn and achieve well. As a parent or guardian, it is your responsibility to ensure your child attends school until the age of 17. Allowing your child to stay home if they are not unwell, further enables your child to set a pattern of non-attendance, which can often continue into future work life. I am pleased that our attendance at McCarthy has improved and is now much healthier because of your ongoing support ensuring that your child attends school regularly. When your child is sick or has a medical appointment and does not attend school, your child must bring a note of explanation addressed to the homeroom teacher explaining the nature of the absence with specific reference to the days absent. If your child is late or needs to leave early, the same note is required stating the reason/s for this partial absence. Absences are always reported on your child's semester report and appear on the front cover page. In Stages 5 and 6 (Years 9-12) prospective employers are always interested in this information.

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every learner every day ✓

ABSENCES ADD UP!

FEBRUARY
2 DAYS
A MONTH

NOVEMBER
4 WEEKS
A YEAR

MISSING MORE THAN
1 YEAR OF LEARNING IN **12** YEARS

DID YOU KNOW

1 IN 4

SECONDARY STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

- ✓ **BE FIRM.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- ✓ Develop good sleep and morning routines
- ✓ Schedule appointments after school
- ✓ Avoid taking holidays during term time

EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE

- Going to school more often can make a difference.
- Attendance habits will follow your child into work and life

SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

Jesuit Social Services Mufti Day

The annual Jesuit Social Services Mufti day was held on Friday 31 May with an overwhelming response from the entire school community who all donated very generously. Students, staff and families all donated food items, personal items and clothing to assist those in our community who require additional support and are financially vulnerable. Thank you to everyone for your awesome response once again which will make a huge difference to many needy families in our local community.



Staff News

We congratulate **Mrs Cunningham** (Teacher Librarian) on the birth of her son Oliver in recent weeks. All the very best in your new role mothering and caring for your beautiful baby boy.

Mrs Nada Nenadic: Will be leaving the college after several weeks long service leave, to focus on her family. We thank her sincerely for her wonderful contributions to the college in the area of Learning Support and Diversity. Mrs Nenadic has our best wishes for a bright future and we wish her well for all life brings to her in the next steps in her journey.

We also congratulate the following staff on their willingness to take on new leadership roles in our vibrant and dynamic learning community:

- **Mrs Julie Petrovski:** Leader of Pedagogy and Instructional Coach
- **Mrs Rachel Miller:** Stage 4 Leader of Learning
- **Mr John McKnight** (also Stage 5 Leader of Learning) and **Mr Braeden Cuneo:** Sport Coordinators

Welcome to new staff members

We also welcome the following new teachers to our learning and faith community:

- **Mrs Rachael Muscat:** PDHPE and English Teacher
- **Mr Stuart Whiley:** PDHPE Teacher
- **Mrs Danielle Hamilton:** Science Leader of Learning
- **Mrs Connie Voutas:** Learning Support, Diversity and HSIE teacher
- **Mrs Margaret Marathakis:** Teacher Librarian
- **Mrs Annalise Pittman:** Literacy Coach, Senior Study Coach, English and RE Teacher

Welcome!

We are very fortunate to have such highly commendable and professional teachers joining the McCarthy community. We hope all new staff feel very welcomed to be joining such a great community.

I would also like to extend a very warm and special **welcome to the new students** who have joined our learning community during Terms 1 and 2 this year:

Year 7:	Year 8:	Year 9:	Year 10:
Charli Butylewicz	Isaac Cook	Nykolos Butylewicz	Oskar Coghlan
Isabel Herrera-Benitez	Alissa Hotz	Monique Carr	Anna Porter
Charlie Thomas	Ryley Smith		Breanah Scerri
	Laura Woolfedon		

McCarthy Catholic Trade Training Centre - CathWest Innovation College

Please see the two letters linked below regarding changes affecting the Trade Training Centre for 2020.

[Letter from Greg Whitby, Executive Director](#)

[Letter to the McCarthy Catholic College community](#)

God Bless

Mrs Tania Cairns
Principal Leader



FROM THE COLLEGE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear McCarthy Students and Families

I hope this newsletter finds your family safe and well.

McCarthy is a place of learning where we care for one another whilst encouraging everyone to expect the best of ourselves and of one another. The learning happens everywhere for our students and staff, in and outside of our classrooms.

Last week we had a wonderful **Subject Selection Evening** with Year 8, 9 and 10. It was fabulous to see so many families attend and be supported with advice from their teachers and our P-Tech Partners (Telstra, PwC and Western Sydney University). Mr Petit, Careers Advisor was also very busy and can be contacted at our college at anytime. Thank you to the families who contacted us to explain why their child could not attend. All students who came received 3 McCarthy points and 8.1 with their 100% attendance had a special ice cream treat on Friday 14 June. We are trialling a new online system for Subject Selections that is linked to our new timetable program. Mrs Cairns, Mrs McCully (Administration and Compliance Officer), Mr McGuire (IT Leader of Learning) and I are working very hard to ensure we can have as many happy students getting their first and second preferences as possible. Online submission and a signed parent printout of the preference sheet was due back to school on Tuesday 18 June. We will now begin working through the data and will let students know next term about their successful applications. We also have an Information Evening for 2020 Senior Enrolments on Wednesday 26 June from 6pm-7pm. If you or any new students you know, want a chance to ask us questions, please come along.

Semester One Year 7-11 student reports are on their way home this week and Year 7-10 Parent Teacher Afternoon and Evening is on from 1:30pm-8pm Tuesday 25 June. The Semester One Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 31 July from 1:20pm-3pm. Families are welcome to gather in our Mackillop Learning Centre at 1pm for a 1:20pm start and invitations to families will be sent out at the end of this term for students receiving awards. We have Academic Awards and McCarthy Silver and Gold Level awards to present. I am so proud of our student's work ethic and looking forward to many of our students being acknowledged for their dedication and persistence towards learning, service and outstanding representation of our College in and outside of our community. The data as of Week 8: 28 students are on Gold (more than 60 McCarthy points), 143 students are on our Silver (between 40-59 McCarthy points) and 226 students are on our Bronze Level (between 20-39 McCarthy points). This is a total of 397 students have achieved merits over 20 to 60+ points. This is significant if you consider 1 point = merit and teachers have awarded points for many areas of learning, service and representation. Check out page 7 of the Student Diary to discuss this more with your child.

Year 12 HSC Trial Examinations begin in Week 3-5 Term 3 and we will continue to offer holiday learning sessions. Many Year 12 teachers are currently offering extra tutorial sessions and please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher for more information.

Next term we start on a 1B week. Every Wednesday B week and every Monday A week **Homework Help** is offered in the library from 3-4pm for all students.

If you are ever concerned about your child's development at our College, call their subject teacher or subject Leader of Learning, Homeroom teacher or Stage Leader of Learning and we will work with you and your child to support the learning. Please don't hesitate to share with your child's teachers any information that will help us support your child and if our teachers have not been able to help, please call anyone on the Executive Leadership Team. Our receptionists will direct your call if you are unsure.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone about the National Government's [eSafety Commissioner's Office website](#) that is responsible for promoting online safety for all Australians.

Their goal is to promote online safety for everyone, including young people, parents, teachers, seniors and community groups. Their Office (using their website) provides:

- a complaints service for young Australians who experience serious cyberbullying
- identifying and removing illegal online content
- tackling image-based abuse

I encourage everyone to be familiar with this website and take a look at the parent resources with your family to help keep our young people safe online at home. Our teachers are trained to keep our students safe online in their Professional Learning and I also encourage them, in our weekly memos and briefings to check out this website.

If there is ever a serious issue, this website has a complaints service and this Government Office has the power to assist.



Take care

Mrs Peta Sparkes
Assistant Principal



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL TRADE TRAINING CENTRE

On Tuesday 28 May we held the **Year 11 2020 Catholic Trade Training Centre Information Evening**. It was an excellent event with 106 families from 18 different schools joining us to learn more about the senior pathway that allows students to participate in employment and have it contribute towards the attainment of the HSC. It was wonderful to have the support of our partners; TAFE NSW, Motor Traders Association of NSW, Headspace, Australian Bricklaying and Blocklaying Foundation, Apprenticeship Support Australia and Training Services NSW on the evening to assist students and parents with the many questions they had. As always our students and staff did an excellent job in the lead up to the event and giving up their time on the night. It was a pleasure to welcome back a number of alumni who were able to give their perspective as former students and showcase their journey post the HSC.

First round enrolment applications are **due by Friday 28 June** and need to be submitted to the TTC Administration office. Please contact the TTC office on 4728 8129 if you would like further information or to collect an enrolment package.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome **Mr Michael Tiberi** as our permanent Carpentry teacher, who will commence his duties at the beginning of Term 3. I would like to thank the following Construction teachers who have been assisting our students in their learning, Mr Adrian Leighton and Mr Len Turnbull and the support provided by our Trade Assistant, Mr Linley Duval during this term.

On Friday 21 June, three of our students represented McCarthy as finalists in the **2019 NSW Training Awards** for the Western Sydney Region. This is a huge achievement for these students and their teachers, trainers and employers. To be recognised as a finalist, students have to complete a written application and be selected to be interviewed by a panel of industry experts. Following the interviews, five students are put forward as finalist where the winner progresses through to the state based interview process. The successful students and the categories they represented in Western Sydney were:

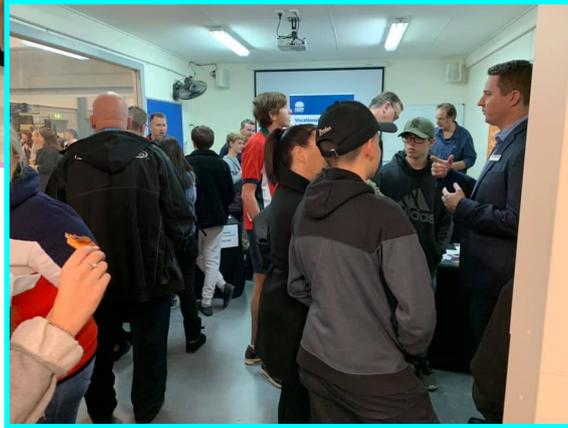
- Tiana Pienkosz** VET in Schools (Primary Industries)
- Tia Witehira** School Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year (Carpentry)
- Caitlin Doughty** School Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year (Early Childhood Education and Care)

We look forward to nominating students for 2020 NSW Training Awards and are hopeful to have representation at the regional awards.

Mr John Wills
Assistant Principal
Trade Training Centre



TTC OPEN NIGHT...



IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENT: *PARENT ENGAGEMENT EVENING*

I would like to invite all parents to join into a Parent Engagement afternoon which will be held in our Mackillop Learning Centre (MLC) on **Wednesday 7 August 4pm-5:30pm**. This is an opportunity to come together and discuss ways in which parents and carers can be involved in the college community. In order for us to be able to work together effectively, I would ask that this be a child free event, Afternoon tea will be provided on this occasion.

I look forward to working with as many parents and carers as possible and discovering new ways to connect with parents at our college as we move forward.

Please complete the [Google form](#) to RSVP to assist us plan for this wonderful event.



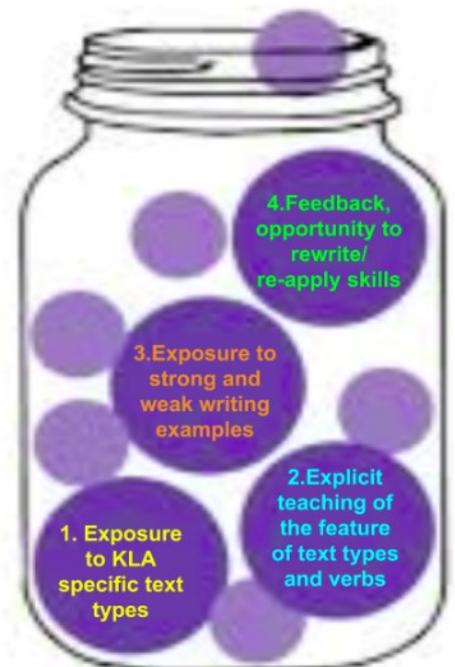
LEADER OF PEDAGOGY AND INSTRUCTIONAL COACH

It is with great excitement that I take upon the role of Leader of Pedagogy and Instructional Coach, for the vision I know this position can bring to the growth of our College.

This role will allow for opportunities to work closely with the staff and students in leading whole school practices of what contemporary learning looks like for the McCarthy student and providing opportunities to investigate, apply and work collaboratively with our school goals of reading and writing.

-- Pen to paper with precision & purpose --

Mrs Julie Petrovski
Leader of Pedagogy and Instructional Coach



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND MISSION

The Term 2 Religious Education and Mission Newsletter focus is to say “Thank you”. Thank you for your commitment to Caritas in Term 1 and as Sr Louise McKeogh writes our support was “truly a work of justice”. The JSS day in early Term 2 was the biggest success we have ever had, the generosity from families provided essential support for the Ignite shop at Emerton to continue their support of the greater Mt Druitt community and as Claire Thomas kept saying, “McCarthy has set the standard for other schools to follow”. As we welcomed many generous people as they entered the college gates, there was one young lady who donated bags of personal hygiene products, one example of many who donated a themed bag. Finally, supporting the community BBQ, we served 280 sausages on a roll in 20 minutes and could not have done that without our student leaders speed and efficiency. Our next community day BBQ is on Friday 21 June.

Year 7 and 8 Reflection Days

Year 7 went to Mt Schoenstatt on Monday 17 June and enjoyed the reflection day being led by our Faith in Action Team (FIAT) Leaders from Years 9, 10 and 11. They experienced adoration in the chapel dedicated to Our Lady, that forgiveness is part of a healthy family and friendships and we have people in our lives who act as shields and that God, through the Holy Spirit enables humanity to receive the fruits of the spirit as it says in Galatians: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faith, modesty, self-control, and chastity. It is through the example of parents and Godparents acting as shields that allows young people to grow as healthy adults.

Year 8 went to Winbourne on the same day and discovered how as emerging adults we need to act with integrity and respect the dignity of the human person. After some fun icebreaker activities, we drew upon the wisdom of St John Paul II and The Simpsons to learn about how each person has human dignity, and that standards of behaviour are required to live this out. Students especially appreciated the time spent on specific gender activities and how they need to act towards those of a different gender, with today’s modern difficulties in doing so.

Mr Robert Feeney

Leader of Religious Education and Mission



HEAD OF STUDENT WELLBEING AND LEARNING

So many things have happened in Term 2 at McCarthy Catholic College. I have included some photos of a Year 12 Practical PDHPE fitness activity including ice massage and ice bath; Max (the chat and pat dog) and his weekly visits to school to help the learning (see article following from The Penrith Press about Max!); College photos; and Level 5 Bronze Award Presentations. We have a great school that continues to get better!

Attendance focus: We have an average **attendance rate of 92.6%** amongst our whole school population, which is very healthy BUT we have too many students below the 90% target threshold.

Attendance Updates: Each week, students receive updates about their attendance percentages. For students below 90%, the rate increases by nearly 1% for week of full attendance. Each day away obviously sends the percentage in the other direction.

Reasons for absences: I understand students may be unwell and need to stay home from school, but some students have told me that their parents let them stay at home if they ask. The evidence is overwhelming regarding the importance of the attendance each day for the best possible learning results.

Lateness: Similarly, lateness to school is something that is recorded on reports. Being late, even by 1 minute has to be recorded. We start the day with homeroom where important information is given and the routine of the day begins. We are asking students who come late to school without valid reasons to stay back at recess or lunchtime to make up for missed time.

Online Behaviour: A number of students continue to use online forums and social media in a way that is harmful to their wellbeing or the wellbeing of others. This is something I have seen at previous schools and I know it is a problem of developing independence for young people. By the time students reach Year 11 these issues seem to have resolved themselves but I continue to be shocked and disappointed at the keyboard warrior behaviour of young teens in general. We do lessons in pastoral care endeavouring to teach students about this behaviour but it is only when things go bad that they make the connection to their own behaviour. We strongly advise parents to be familiar with the eSafety commissioner's website and talk to your children about what they express and what they publish online.

Pastoral Care Programs: In Year 7 to 10, students have fortnightly pastoral care lessons organised by the Stage Leader of Learning and Assistant Leaders of Learning. The focus of these lessons is developmental. That means, we look at common themes that are relevant for the stages and look to make the students think about how they might be doing things. Across all years, cyber safety and bullying are covered regularly. On Monday 1 July, Year 7 and 8 will be attending a "Brainstorm Production" Presentation on the issues of bullying, cyber safety and resilience using award-winning theatre performances. Brainstorm Productions aim is to reduce the incidence of bullying in schools and improve student behaviour and wellbeing. Please talk to your children about this presentation.

In conclusion, when I walk around the school and see the amazing learning that is happening in classes, the way we have 400 students at Level 5 or above and the happy faces on so many young people it makes me proud of our school! Our seniors are striving to be the best learners they can be and our teachers are working tirelessly to develop good numeracy and literacy skills in the students as well as the love of learning that is so important for life-long learning of everyone!

Mr Martin Stein

Head of Student Wellbeing and Learning



Max brings chats and pats



McCarthy College Year 12 students with their new chat and pat dog Max.

MCCARTHY College has become the only school in the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) with a "chat and pat" dog

The school had been investigating the option of introducing a dog to the college for some time, when head of student wellbeing and learning, Martin Stein, introduced his dog Max, an 11-and-half-year-old Bichon Frise about a year ago.

Mr Martin said principal Tania Cairns came on board with the idea.

"Mrs Cairns endorsed Max straight away and worked to gain approval from CEDP," Mr Martin said.

Max comes to the school one day a week to help ease the stress and anxiety some Year 12 students feel in the lead up to their HSC exams.

On Thursdays Max walks around the school with a staff member or student and

the aim is to calm students down with his presence and by letting staff and students pat him.

Year 12 student Jess Ferrer said she finds having Max around very relaxing.

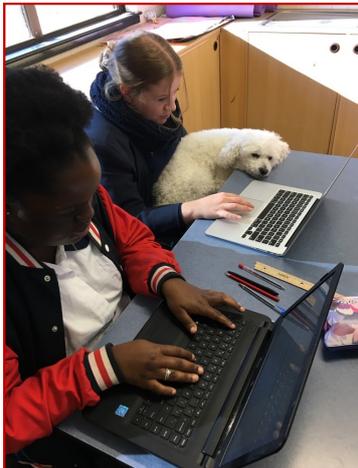
"He takes my mind off whatever stresses I may be experiencing at the time and is a great presence," Jess said.

"I think more schools should have a dog like Max around."

Year 10 student Tegan Duncan said she really likes Max and shares a special bond with him.

She is one of the few students who gets to walk him around the college and finds he is very popular among students from all grades.

"I have pets at home and I love animals," Tegan said. "I reckon he makes people's day when they see him and especially when they get to pat him."



HEAD OF INNOVATION AND DIVERSITY

Year 10 Post School Options: Work Placement

During Semester One, a number of Year 10 students are provided with the opportunity to experience work in an industry of their choice, through a supported work environment. This experience allows students to define the direction of their current course of study and to develop skills in teamwork, communication, organisation, interpersonal skills and productivity. The overwhelming feedback from all workplaces has been very positive. All of our Year 10 students have been commended on their ability to listen, learn, present themselves professionally and appropriately and engage with the work and new colleagues as they negotiate the adult world of work.

Congratulations to all PSO Work Placement students, both those who have completed their placements and those who are waiting keenly to begin: **Lachlan Baker, Dylan Baxter, Steven Borg, Jack Clegg, Cooper Galluzzi, Lana Langton, Emily Mortimer, Lleyton Paul, James Porchera, Jeremy Porter, Scott Roots, Oliver Rossetto, Joshua Stubbs, Christian Thompson, Saphron Torr.**

Semester 1 EMU Graduates

After 50 hours of targeted numeracy support this semester, our Year 7 Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) students are graduating. The following students have been remarkable, constantly pushing their learning, being open to new ways to solve challenging problems and supporting each other, especially when the learning seems overwhelming; congratulations **Shay Starkey, Jordan Thomas, Valentina Trifkovic, Talisha North, Bishoy Takla, Dominic Seguna, Keisha Maskell, Jhett Sydir and Jason Yu.** I know that these students would join me in expressing their gratitude to their very talented teacher Mr John Durkin. The students have had incredible results within a very short period of time due to the robust sequence of learning experiences that have been prepared daily, to meet each individual's numeracy needs.

Semester 1 R3 Graduates

We have come to the end of a very successful semester in R3 (Reframing Readers Resourcefully) also. R3 students have invested in 18 weeks of daily reading intervention, each achieving significant gain in their reading comprehension skills. These skills are life giving as they can be readily transferred to learning opportunities beyond the R3 classroom and into daily lessons and learning for life.

Congratulations to; **Grace Knox, Hunter Kean, Matilda Gavin Angus, Ava Nutall, Blake Desira, James Puposki, Saxon Morris, Bailey McGregor, Ethan Salomon, Dylan Jones, Samantha Gamage, Jett Moxly, Liam Worth, Darcy Hopton, Ethan Wickenden, Domenico Leuzzi, Favian Bugeja, Kasey Ferrier, Ryan Kay, Katelyn Daggar, Joshua Fung, Joshua Wilson, Zac Price and Tyler Gibb.**

Once again this rich learning and outstanding success would not be possible without the expertise and commitment of our R3 specialist teachers Mrs Marian Samuel, Mrs Cythia Maruzive and Mr Jacob Waldon.

Mrs Anna Keogh
Head of Innovation and Diversity



COLLEGE COUNSELLOR

I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight to our parent and carer community some of the valuable online resources freely available to support and assist our roles supporting the young people in our households.

<https://parents.au.reachout.com/>

Reach Out has a section of their website dedicated to information for parents of teenagers. They have valuable information articles on common issues arising for teens, along with forums for parents to gain support from others going through similar situations.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

eSafety also has a section of their website to help parents manage their child's digital relationship with the world. This includes information on cyber bullying, digital citizenship, sexting, establishing boundaries with technology use, gaming and navigating social media platforms. This is also the site that Australian public can use to make complaints and reports about online content such as cyber bullying material.

<https://headspace.org.au/friends-and-family/life-issues/>

Headspace also has a section of their website for parents of teenagers with information available on a broad range of well-being topics such as relationships, anger, stress, mental health issues, and grief and loss.

<https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/age-13>

Beyond Blue factsheets for parents cover a range of topics with a particular focus on raising resilient young people, and also preventing and managing mental health issues for young people.

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/teens>

Another valuable website with a very wide range of articles and videos on navigating the many complex issues that young people may encounter during adolescence.

<http://www.resourcingparents.nsw.gov.au/>

This site has a search feature where parents and carers can find a range of groups and programs for parents run in their local area. The Nepean area has many in the coming months that may be of interest to you.

<https://parentworks.org.au>

Free series of modules, developed by psychologists at the University of Sydney, on different themes and topics for parents of children aged 2 - 16 such as managing sibling conflict and challenging behaviours.

Parent Line NSW 1300 1300 52 - a free phone based support services for parents and carers open from 9am to 9pm Monday to Friday and 4pm to 9pm on weekends

<http://www.parentline.org.au/home>

If there is any particular topic that you would like more information on you are welcome to email me at jaustin4@parra.catholic.edu.au

Mrs Jessica Austin
College Counsellor

SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

A reminder that instalment two school fees were due by **5 June 2019**. Please ensure that payment has been made unless you are on an approved payment arrangement.

If you have received correspondence regarding overdue accounts or require fee assistance please contact Mrs Julie Jones in the college office on 4728 8100.

Mr Sean McNally
Business Manager



SPORTS UPDATE

A big congratulations to **Chloe Kericopolas, Ryan Koenig and Joshua Koenig** who all competed at the 2019 National Judo Championships on the Gold Coast in early June.

Chloe won the gold medal for the senior girl's under 44kg, Ryan placed third in the 15-18 years boys under 60kg division and Joshua placed second in the 12-14's under 50kg division. An excellent achievement by all three students and they should be extremely proud of their efforts!



Girls Get Active!

This Girls Get Active event was held on Wednesday 19 June and was a fun and relaxed day that aimed to build the confidence of female students and encourage them to participate in sport and active recreation. The day began with an inspiring panel talk filled with elite athletes and was followed by a comprehensive sports circuit that introduces students to a variety of sports. The girls represented the college with great pride and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Mr John McKnight and Mr Braeden Cuneo Sports Coordinators



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Term 2	
JUNE	
Tuesday 25th	Year 7 -10 Parent Teacher Interviews
JULY	
Monday 1st	Year 12 Agriculture HSC Seminar Day and Product Study Excursion
Friday 5th	Last Day of Term 2 for students
School Holidays	Monday 8th July—Friday 19th July
Term 3	
Monday 22nd	Staff Development Day — PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday 23rd	First Day of Term 3 for students
Wednesday 31st	Year 7—11 Semester One Awards Ceremony: 1:20pm-3pm
AUGUST	
Sunday 18th	Year 12 Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser — North Penrith Bunnings
Monday 19th	Write A Book In A Day
Friday 23rd	McCarthy Day Celebrations—All students wear Sports uniform, seniors red, white and blue, or jersey.
Monday 26th	Year 7 Vaccinations — 2nd Dose Year 10 Vaccinations — Catch-Up
Tuesday 27th	Year 9 Reflection Day—Offsite Year 10 Reflection Day—Onsite
Wednesday 28th	Year 9 Reflection Day—Onsite Year 10 Reflection Day—Offsite
Friday 30th	PDSSSC Athletics Carnival
SEPTEMBER	
Monday 2nd - Friday 13th	Year 12 TTC Industry Placement
Thursday 5th	Bishop Excellence Awards
Thursday 12th	R U OK Day
Monday 16th - Friday 27th	Year 11 TTC Industry Placement
Tuesday 24th	Year 12 Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony
Friday 27th	Last Day of Term 3 for students