Dear Parents and all in the McAuley Community,

Sayings of Catherine McAuley. ‘It is for God we serve the poor and not for thanks.’ from The Little Book of Catherine of Dublin.

What is Prayer? (You may have seen the text below previously, but sections are well worth repeating. It is framed as the reflections and thoughts of ‘Francine.’)

Francine knew from her own life that prayer isn’t just one kind of activity. It takes many forms. She’d always thought that the way we pray reveals what we believe about God. So praying for a fine day, even when she knew what the forecast was, didn’t sit so well with her. Likewise, she had trouble encouraging her kids to “pray that Nana gets better” when she knew Nana’s state of health was dire. Francine understood that these would have been worthy prayers in their own way, but she thought they expressed a human desire to control the difficult parts of life. Francine believed that it made more sense to pray for courage to face life’s challenges, and for the strength to meet whatever came along. When her friend got cancer and died, she realised there are some kinds of pain that simply can’t be taken away. But she did discover that it helped to put her life into God’s hands. Francine had always treasured the prayers that have been passed down to us for generations, and she loved the profound and beautiful thoughts they contained. She usually found them a great help in her efforts to pray. But she knew there could be a real gap between ‘saying prayers’ and being prayerful. She gradually came to understand that real prayer is much more than simply saying words. Real prayer demanded that she come with an open heart to God, and with some degree of self-knowledge. To her amazement, she discovered that prayer became real when it wasn’t about changing God, but was actually about changing herself! As she went on through life, Francine discovered that the words became less important, and she began simply living in the presence of God. She found that a short prayer, repeated gently in her heart during the day, helped to bring her back to an awareness of God’s presence. Prayer became the heartbeat of Francine’s life. Modified from the Majellan: Sue Kane © Redemptorists 2014

Jacaranda Thursday. The school will be closed on Thursday 5th November.

Uniform Prices. Unfortunately the price of Uniform items has increased for the first time in some years. See note attached.

John Kelly. We were saddened to hear of the recent death of John Kelly, who was the first lay Director of the Catholic Education Office in the Lismore Diocese and held that position from 1981 to 1998 – and therefore was instrumental in setting up the structures for Catholic Schools in the Diocese. John is the father of Tracey O’Donohue and grandfather of Caitlin, Mark, Ashlee, Matt and Lisa O’Donohue, who were all students at this College. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Year 9 and Year 10 Excursions and Camps. Next week is busy with Year 9 going on a 3 day personal development camp at Camp Kokoda Education Centre, (known previously as Meebunny-bia) which is located in Southern Queensland, south-west of Beaudesert. Meanwhile, Year 10 will in Sydney and Canberra for a curriculum-based excursion looking particularly at civics and citizenship studies along with cross-curricula studies in Science, PDHPE as well as Art, History and Geography. Best wishes to both groups and a big thank-you to staff accompanying these groups, who leave their homes and families behind so that our students can have these experiences.

Year 12 Graduation. This was a very successful event and congratulations to our Year 12 students. Thanks to the many parents, families, friends and supporters who turned up to farewell our students.

HSC Students. Please keep our Year 12 students in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their HSC exams.
Congratulations to James Bertulli and Mitch Christiansen for their outstanding performances at the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships in Sydney last week. Mitch won gold in the 200m AWD and James won a silver medal in the AWD Open Shot Put, but managed to set a new Australian record for the F37 category. Well done to both!

Congratulations to Alex Montford who graduated from Year 12 in 2010. He has been selected as the Youth Ambassador for the Sydney Archdiocese for World Youth Day in Poland next year. Alex has just completed an Education degree and is teaching at a Catholic secondary school in Sydney.

Yearbook. Any more sponsors for our Yearbook? We are seeking sponsorship of the Yearbook to make the cost more affordable. Families wishing to sponsor a page can do so for $25.00, while any business owners able to help can purchase a quarter-page advert for $50.00. For details contact the College Office on mccgraf@lism.catholic.edu.au.

Orientation Day for Year 6 students starting next year. The second and final Orientation Day is scheduled for Tuesday 10th November. Students are asked to attend in their current school uniform. (Other details are on the acceptance letter which all parents of Year 7 next year should have by now). Parents are invited to an Information Evening starting that evening at 7pm. If you know of parents or carers who have not submitted an enrolment application for their Year 6 son or daughter for next year they should do so urgently. Phone the Office on 6643 1434 to obtain an enrolment package and to make an appointment for an interview.

YourTutor. This initiative from the Stellar team (part of the Clarence Valley Forum) gives students in Years 9-12 very high standard online tutoring at no cost (Stellar is paying the bill). All tutors are screened and highly trained. Understandably, they won’t provide ‘answers’ which save the student from doing the work, but they will provide direction and support. Please remember that if we don’t use it, we lose it!

Leon Walsh
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Champion House 2015
The winning House for 2015 was announced at the Year 12 Award Presentation last term. A suspenseful moment was felt as the students waited for the big announcement. Congratulations to Mercy House who are the Champion House for 2015. The trophy was accepted by the outgoing Mercy Captains - Samantha Phillips and Tyler Hancock and the Mercy House Leader Mrs Nikita Robinson. Congratulations to all the Captains and House Leaders who have worked hard this year to ensure the house competition and more importantly House Spirit, participation and engagement is upheld. The 2016 House competition has started this term and the House Leaders will be sharing information about this in the coming weeks.

Year 10 and 11 Leadership 2016
Our current Year 9 & 10 students will soon be asked to consider leadership for 2016. Nominations for 8 positions (4 from each year group) open in week 4 and close Tuesday 3rd November (week 5). More information will be available from their Year Coordinators.
Kate Thomson, Deputy Principal

YEAR 10 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA
Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 Students
Students from our school will be undertaking an education tour of the National Capital and Sydney on 18th to 23rd October 2015. Reminder to Parents and Carers: students need to be at the school by 6.15 am this Sunday, 18th October 2015. Buses will depart the College at 6.30am. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Mr Ellis, Year 10 Coordinator

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FESTA CHRISTI
Festa Christi is a gathering for selected Year 8 students from Lismore Diocese Parish Secondary Schools to celebrate their faith at a Diocesan level. The gathering will be a chance to bring students together to meet like-minded peers and to celebrate with other young people who practise their faith. The activities will be a mixture of large and small sharing groups as well as celebrating the Eucharist together. The program has been geared to meet the needs of Year 8 students. The gathering will be an overnight experience that will allow students to build relationships with other students from throughout the Diocese as well as a chance for students to talk and share about their faith journey.

What: Festa Christi – a youth gathering for Year 8 students from every Parish school in the Southern Region of the Diocese.
When: Wednesday 18th – Thursday 19th
Where: Coffs Camping and Conference Centre
Cost: Nil. All transport, food and accommodation expenses will be met by the Catholic Schools Office.

Year 8 students have received a note about this event. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me via the College office or email me – iday@lism.catholic.edu.au
Isaac Day, Assistant Leader of School Evangelisation
IGNITE CONFERENCE

During the recent school holidays 18 students from McAuley attended the Ignite Conference in Brisbane. This 4 day event is also known as the NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE. Our students joined 280 other students from the Lismore Diocese and contributing about a quarter of the total number attending Ignite. The days and nights were jam-packed with morning and evening rallies, workshops, guest speakers, key-note speakers, food, recreational activities, meeting new people, catching up with friends - all under the banner of being Catholic and following the message of Jesus. Congratulations to the 18 students from Years 9, 10 & 11 who attended the conference. They represented the school, their families and themselves proudly.

I would like to thank the Catholic Schools Office for their support in organising our students to attend this event and for the financial sponsorship provided.

Here are some reflections about Ignite from the students:

“Ignite was fulfilling and worthwhile going out of my comfort zone, a highlight being the speeches given by all speakers, especially the “Dangerous” talk given by Steve Allgeyer. I feel like Ignite was an open door to a new faith, however I never experienced any “moments” I still felt encouraged and welcome to try harder and look deeper for my faith.”

“Ignite Conference 2015 has been one of the most exciting yet fulfilling experiences for faith this year. It was a jam packed schedule for all of us with rallies where everyone was rocking out to Jesus music as well as inspirational speakers during keynotes and workshops. It was a good chance for all of us to take some time out of our holidays and to reflect on our faith journey, some of us looking on how far we’ve come while others just starting out on the long road ahead. Ignite 2015 has been a great opportunity for us who have been lucky enough to go and we definitely encourage everyone to put their name down for next year’s conference. We’d like to thank Kealy Day, our very own Youth Ministry Officer, for coming to experience this amazing event with us but we’d especially like to thank Mr Bellamy and Mrs Thomson for taking time out and leaving their families to come and look after us on this event as well as to support us on our spiritual journey.”

“WOW!!!!!! That doesn’t even cover it all! So many young Australians gathering with one common goal! JESUS! He is amazing! I honestly was amazed with the sheer amount of people and believers! I honestly went in to the conference as one person and left as a new refreshed / revitalised human! These experiences and incredible humans have changed my life and point of view! There were people with their hands in the air swaying and singing, others on their knees during Adoration. At the beginning I was like ‘arrr what is going on’ then the next day Father Bonnie was pacing the stage and talking about the Holy Spirit whilst quoting Katy Perry!!! But by far the DANGEROUS TALK by Steve Allgeyer was inspiring and funny with the phrase that ‘Catholics can be dangerous’ and ‘have a dangerous God that fights for us!’ Anyway there are three empowering words that have stuck in my head - ‘VIVA CRISTO REY!’ If you get the chance to go to Ignite - go !!!!!!!! I cannot emphasise why - just take that leap, be dangerous and go, you will not regret it. You will be empowered like me and you will have an experience that lasts a lifetime!”

Kate Thomson,
Deputy Principal

YEAR 11 BUSINESS STUDIES

Students of Mr Hartmann, Mr Franks and Mrs McLennan’s Year 11 Business Studies classes were recently entered into the annual University of Newcastle Business Plan Challenge. The competition is open to all Year 11 students enrolled in Business Studies in NSW, and is designed to encourage business thinking among high school students. Participants select a new or existing product or service and develop a business plan that innovatively delivers it to the market. All students are worthy of mention, however a special congratulations must go to Daniel Smith who won an iPad, and Lucinda Bell who has been named as a finalist in the competition. Lucinda receives a $1,000 cash prize with a further $500 to the school. Along with 3 other finalists, she has the chance to win further cash prizes and a scholarship to the University. Lucinda will travel to Newcastle to present ‘Forget Me Not Fridgemate’, an innovative product designed to support the elderly and those suffering mental illness.

Stephen Hartmann
We are currently displaying the Year 12 Textile Projects, which include wedding gowns, quilts, wall hangings and jackets. These are outstanding pieces and parents and caregivers are most welcome to come in and see them. Thanks to Sarah Coates for setting up the display.

Year 10 are currently doing a source based resource task on ‘Decades of the 20th Century’ or ‘The Holocaust’ or the ‘Vietnam War’. Last week I ran some workshops with the classes, and students used the Oliver Electronic Catalogue to find what print resources the library has on these topics. They also saw that Oliver is also a gateway to the Clarence Regional Library and their resources as well. Students also explored the electronic World Book Encyclopaedia which contains excellent easy to understand information, primary evidence and multimedia. I was very impressed with the interest that the students showed with the presentation and I hope it helps them with their assessment. This can also be done from home using the College moodle page.

“Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.” — Walter Cronkite, Legendary American Journalist 1916-2009
To whom it may concern

Dear Sir/Madam,

Our company has been running a school uniform shop in Grafton to supply uniform to the students in the local schools. We have been trying very hard not to increase our prices for many years despite our constant production cost increase in our factory in China every year. However, the Australian dollars have been falling by over 30% and our import cost has increased considerably to the extent that we are not able to continue to hold our prices the same any longer. In order to be able to continue to service the schools in Grafton area we decided to increase our sale prices from term 4, 2015. The new price list is attached herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Qibin Yu
Director
U DESIGN UNIFORM SHOP
GATE 4 / 170 NORTH STREET
PHONE 0266432989    FAX 91506882

The Principle

Catherine McAuley Collage

Please find attached a new price list for uniforms for the students at your school to take effect from the beginning of term 4 2015.

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Opening times for the uniform shop for 2016

Monday 10.00am till 2.00pm
Thursday 3.00pm till 6.00pm
Saturday 9.00 am till 1.00 pm

Special opening times for the start of 2016

We open Monday 17th January till Friday 5th February 2016

Opening time 9.00 AM TILL 5.00PM
Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a note outlining final instructions for Camp Kokoda in Week 3, Wednesday 21\textsuperscript{st} October to Friday 23\textsuperscript{rd} October.

**Departure Times**
The coaches will begin packing equipment at 6.00am for a prompt **6.15am** departure from the Clarenza campus.
There will be a pick up at Ulmarra Woodshop at **6.30am** if required
There will be a pick up at Ferry Park Maclean at **6.50am**.

**Arrival Times**
Return to the College is an estimate and students will be encouraged to contact parents and caregivers with an exact time as we approach destinations using a College provided mobile phone. The College office will also be notified if you want to contact them before 4.00pm on the Friday.
ETA Maclean Ferry Park Friday **5.15pm**
ETA Ulmarra Wood Shop **5.45pm**
ETA McAuley Clarenza **6.00pm**
The group will be stopping at Kyogle both ways for a toilet break and snack, so a small amount of money will be required if students wish to access food and drinks.

If you need to contact a student during the excursion please use the correct channels.
Camp Kokoda 07 54632203, Laura Farnam Operations Manager 0403 830373

I will be on leave prior to Camp Kokoda from Tuesday 13\textsuperscript{th} October, if you want to make contact after this date you will need to contact Damian Humphries at the College or by email dhumphries@lism.catholic.edu.au or 0447614110

*Mark Bellamy*