3rd June 2016

Dear Parents and all in the McAuley Community,

A Spirituality of Mary and Mercy

On Monday next week the Church celebrates the feast day of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. Part of the history of this great school draws its heritage from the Marist Brothers of France. Each year Marists celebrate the feast of St Marcellin Champagnat, the founder of the Marist Brothers and the person who inspires educators who seek to live the spirituality of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Marists do this in a variety of ways such as through prayer, attending a special Mass, learning more about Marcellin or by carrying out a service in his name.

Marcellin grew up in France. He was born in 1789, the year the French Revolution commenced, a year of turmoil. He grew up in a large family and consequently learnt to share life with his brothers and sisters. Marcellin enjoyed his family life on the farm, tending the sheep and developing his entrepreneurial skills through selling some of these sheep. Marcellin's father was active in the politics of the Revolution, while his mother, a very religious woman, spent most of her time caring for the family. Marcellin's early days, therefore, were influenced by parents who contributed to his growth in very different ways.

A chance visit to the family farm by a priest sowed in Marcellin's mind and heart the desire to become a priest. It was then that his lack of basic education came against him and he had to work hard to overcome this handicap. In the seminary he met a group of young men inspired with a vision of founding a Society of Mary, priests, sisters and lay people, working to rebuild the Church, a humble and serving Church, in the spirit of Mary.

Once Marcellin was ordained, the local Bishop appointed him as curate to a small village named La Valla. It was during this time that Marcellin finally believed God was calling him to found a community of Brothers who would help educate young people. In France, after the Revolution, there was a great need for competent teachers and the Church was keenly aware of the equally important need to educate these young people in the Catholic faith. Marcellin's commitment to his priestly duties included taking every opportunity to teach young people their catechism. He soon got to know the local families, visiting them on foot as often as he could.

These people could see Marcellin's love of God and his special devotion to Mary. His enthusiasm was contagious, inspiring others to also become teachers of the faith. Today's Marist schools are built on this early tradition, one which continues to enhance school communities.

At this time each year we focus on the legacy of St Marcellin, providing us with the opportunity to reflect on these origins here in Grafton and to reinterpret them for our school in the modern world.

St Marcellin Champagnat, guide us in our work each day at McAuley Catholic College.

Mark O'Farrell, College Principal
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Funeral - Sr Mary Kelly
Yesterday I attended the funeral of Sr Mary Kelly in Casino along with Fr Bing, Year 12 students - Damian Ashby, Chrisma Shaji, James Bertalli and Toby Redwood, and representatives from St Mary’s Primary School. Sr Mary, also known as Sr Elizabeth, was well known in Grafton and it must be noted that she was the founding Principal of Our Lady Help of Christians Infants School (now St Mary’s Primary). Sr Mary impacted the lives of many people in our towns and in the Diocese. It was an honour to represent our school community at her funeral and celebrate her life with the large congregation that gathered at St Mary’s, Casino. Sr Mary was my Principal at OLHC and she continued to be part of my life until her move to Casino. She lived a life of mercy dedicated to God and following the values of Catherine McAuley, particularly the value of hospitality. May she rest in peace.

Uniform
A number of students have taken it upon themselves to change aspects of the College uniform. The uniform requirements are very particular and I ask parents to support the College in this area to ensure all students are dressed in the prescribed College uniform, which can be found outlined below, in the student diary and College website.

Please note:
- Ties are to be worn by all students this term and are to be left on at all times unless they are in PE prac classes or their tie poses a safety issue in a practical class.
- Stockings - Maroon or beige
- Jumpers - As the weather has cooled down dramatically jumpers and jackets are now required. The uniform policy states that students are to wear Maroon “Gotcha” with College Crest, the College Para Sport Jacket or a maroon woollen College - style jumper. Please ensure all items of uniform are labelled with the student's name

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECT
Our school scarf project is also a social justice project. By purchasing a scarf for $20 you are helping improve the life of some very poor people in Lima Peru. Our scarves have been made by an organisation called Tika Peru. This organisation was set up by three Mercy sisters who saw the need for a co-operative where women were given an opportunity to gain skills and earn an income to help them take more control of their lives, help them overcome the barriers of poverty and inequality and give them hope that their children will lead more fulfilled lives. This project to research and purchase the scarves was an initiative of the 2015 Student Leadership team. Stocks are still available and we encourage students to purchase the easy wear scarf which is machine washable and tumble dry friendly. Check out the Tika Peru website to read more about the people we are helping - http://www.tikaperu.org/

Representing the school
This is a reminder to students and parents/carers that it is a privilege to represent the College in any capacity. Students on Stage 2, 3 and 4 of the Behaviour Management Policy are unable to represent the school, for example in sporting or cultural events.

Students representing the College are to be in full school uniform, which means sport uniform for sport events, unless otherwise advised

Enrolment - Code of Conduct
Our College Code of Conduct, signed by all students and parents at enrolment, states clearly our expectations. I have included a section of it on the next page.

Kate Thomson, Assistant Principal
Pride in our College is expressed in all areas of school conduct. As such, you are expected to:

- Show pride in the way in which you wear your school uniform. The full College uniform as described in the Student Diary is to be worn to and from school and at all times during the school day.
- Demonstrate politeness and respect for others at all times. Any form of fighting is not in keeping with the respect we should always show to others regardless of the circumstances. Students who are involved in fighting will be withdrawn from class, parents/carers will be informed and students will be required to attend a Restorative Justice session.
- Totally avoid using abusive language and swearing in your dealings with others. If a student uses such language while at school, the student will be withdrawn immediately from class and parents/carers will be informed. Similarly, if such language is directed at a teacher, the student will be suspended from school.
- Be well-mannered at school, while travelling to and from school and at any time when in public.
- Be involved in all whole-school sporting activities such as Sporting Carnivals, and represent the College with pride in local, regional, diocesan or State-wide events if selected.
- Attend all curriculum-based excursions and co-curricular pastoral care activities.
- Respect the possessions of others. Stealing indicates you are not supporting the values of the College and that, therefore, you would be jeopardizing your enrolment at the College.

### College Uniform—Boys

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The Parish Youth and Family Masses have been moved to the 4th Saturday night of the month rather than Sunday night. However, for this month due to some clashes on the calendar the mass will be held on the 18th June at 5pm. All families are welcome.

IGNITE

Any students interested in attending Ignite (Thursday 22nd to Sunday 25th September) must return their permission note and payment by Monday 6th June.

YEAR 8 REFLECTION DAY

The Year 8 Reflection Day will be held Tuesday 7th June. The Year 10 CSYMA class will join with us as retreat leaders and lead the students in a range of activities. The theme of the day will be ‘Continuing the Journey’.

We will begin the day with a Mass held at St Patrick’s Church, South Grafton at 9am. All students must come to school and will be bused to the mass. From here we will then go to Minnie Waters to undertake reflection and activities related to the theme of the reflection day. All meals will be provided for the day. Students need to wear appropriate casual clothing and bring a hat and a water bottle.

All families are welcome to join us at St Patrick’s Church for the 9am mass.

MISSION TO UGANDA

From the 16th of June to the 3rd of July, David Solomon, one of our school’s Youth Ministry Officers, will be travelling to Uganda with a group from Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia (CSYMA), to undertake missionary work in the city of Masaka. The group will hold a series of four conferences for teachers in Uganda to be trained in the Youth Ministry model used by CSYMA, as well as visiting a number of local schools to work with students, to help in the development of Uganda’s own CSYMA equivalent, CSYMU. The group will also spend time conducting mercy works in the Masaka Women’s Prison and the Sango Bay Refugee Camp.

YOUTH MINISTRY GATHERINGS

The Youth Ministry Officers and the Year 12 Faith and Mission Leaders have organised gatherings for students to come and share in prayer, discussion and activities related to faith and student discipleship. Students in Years 7 - 9 are invited to come to C2 at lunch time on a Wednesday and students in Years 10 - 12 are invited to attend on Thursdays in C2. All students are welcome and may bring their lunch. The gatherings will start at the beginning of lunch.

Kathy Warby, A.P. Mission
COFFS CAREERS EXPO
Careers, study and training pathways were explained to our Year 10 students in Coffs Harbour last Thursday. A highlight was a speed chat workshop where students met with nurses, doctors, solicitors, radiologists, engineers along with a host of other professionals and asked questions about their careers. Students also viewed exhibitors that included local manufacturing companies, medical practitioners, tertiary and training institutions, the defence forces and the emergency services. Ryley O’Brien won $50 dollars just for enquiring about careers in banking while Morgan Weldon is the North Coast Year 10 tyre changing champion. Congratulations to both students.

WORK EXPERIENCE
Work Experience at the Grafton Hospital will take a new format this year. Interested students will participate in an Open Day at the hospital instead of having a weeks work experience as in previous years.

Mr Paton
Careers Adviser

LIBRARY NEWS
This week represented the College at the Clarence Regional Library for a talk by the renowned author and TV personality Ruben Meerman who is known as the ‘Surfing Scientist’. The following is a report written by Bennett Mitchelhill.

The Surfing Scientist, Ruben Meerman, gave a talk at the Clarence Regional Library with twenty Yr 7 students from McAuley representing our College. The Surfing Scientist taught us a lot of things including some facts about the properties of light, static energy, neutrons and even lasers! Everything was so much fun from popping balloons with laser beams to making RAINBOWS! I really hope something like this happens again in the future so more young people like us can learn about the amazing world of science. A special thanks to Mrs Nicholls and Mr Bellamy for organising the event and Ruben Meerman for being the Surfing Scientist!

Bennett Mitchelhill, Year 7.2

It is really important that the College supports initiatives at the Regional Library and I look forward to the next time we can send students to participate in community events.

Mark Bellamy, Librarian
SPORT NEWS

NSW COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES GIRLS HOCKEY

U/16 GIRLS
Playing in A Division, the U16 girls were against some very strong teams in their pool. The first game was a 1 all draw, with the eventual overall winners Tamworth. Charli Bingham was the goal scorer. In the other games the girls went down 5-0 to Lithgow, to Armidale 1-0 and Bathurst 2-0. The team was very competitive and their effort, determination and sportsmanship were commendable. Coach - Mrs Lee

OPEN GIRLS
In game 1, despite a good game plan the team went down 4-0, beaten by a very good side who went on to feature in the finals. In game 2 the girls blew the opposition away winning 6-0 with goals to Tiahnee Cropper (3), Hannah Brodin (1), Ruby Hackett (1) and Molly Hargans (1). With confidence high the girls went into the next game playing on unfamiliar surface ‘very thick grass’ which they struggled with mentally on how to adapt to the conditions. Needing only 1 x goal to qualify for the finals the girls gave 100% in very difficult conditions, with the game ending in a 0-0 draw. Coach - Mr Speed

NSW COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES BOYS HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The McAuley Catholic College Under 16 Boys Hockey Team has won the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Championships. The team was outstanding throughout the tournament with consistent and disciplined team work, passing, support play and defending. This was particularly impressive during 3 grass field matches on the first day. Despite playing against a number of well drilled and capable teams, the McAuley Boys managed to score 40 goals and concede only 1 in 6 games. The boys won the final 4-0 over McCarthy College from Tamworth with 4 different players scoring. The team had ten different goal scorers throughout the tournament with particularly noteworthy efforts from Elliot Speed (12), Rhys Cropper (6) and Aaron Ashby (2). Captain Zac Young won the Coaches Award with 8 points for leading midfield and scoring 5 goals. Aaron Ashby was the Prince of Grass Field Hockey while Eli Fahey scored 4 goals and won the Players Best & Fairest. Thank you to all the students for their respectful and courteous behaviour.

Mr Lobsey

DIOCESAN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Grafton was once again the proud host of the Diocesan Tennis Championships this year. The tournament was moved forward from Term 4 and the rush was on to find dedicated tennis players. McAuley was fortunate to have a full team of keen athletes compete and provide assistance to schools with limited players. The weather was beautiful and sunny, with a moderate temperature perfect for a day on the courts. Players from schools in the diocese travelled to play, all teams had a great day, some winning and some losing. No matter what the outcome all students were happy, enthusiastic and very well behaved. We were fortunate to have one of our teams receive diocesan medals. I would like to congratulate April Irwin and Georgia Salvestro who finished up on the day as runner up of the under 14’s girls. A well deserved thank you goes out to Mr Hand for the organisation of this event, also Noemi Beckman and Chloe Elward who assisted with the running of the tournament and draw on the day.

Sarah Coates
SPORT NEWS

15’S GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

Congratulations to the under 15’s girls soccer team who are through to the area final of the Bill Turner Trophy after a convincing win over Bellingen High School. The final result being 4-1. The girls took full advantage of their home game and played very well as a team. All players should be extremely proud of their effort and commitment displayed throughout the match. Eilish Bender, Quinn Greedy, Liliane Doyle, Bella Jennings, Charlene Girdler, Hannah Tait and Lyteeka Currie all had standout games. The side will now play the winner of Woolgoolga High School and Bishop Druitt College. We wish the girls all the best in their next game.

Adam Bancroft

VET NEWS

YEAR 11 HOSPITALITY

Year 11 Hospitality students are currently completing the competencies “Clean kitchen premises and equipment” and “Participate in safe work practices”. Students are required to demonstrate these skills through a range of practical experiences in the commercial kitchen. All Year 11 VET classes are building up skills in preparation for a week of work placement in an industry setting in Term 3. Hospitality students also have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills by catering for a number of school functions including making the soups for the annual winter sleep-out being held later this term. Below are pictures of some of the dishes produced in Hospitality so far this term.

Sandra Bartholomew, Hospitality Teacher

DAIRY FARM VISIT

Year 9 Agriculture and Year 12 Food Technology had the pleasure of visiting Mr and Mrs Duckworth at their Swan Creek Dairy Farm. The Duckworth’s are local farmers who provide quality milk for Norco. With the recent issues involving the Australian dairy farming industry as ‘in a state of crisis’, this excursion allowed the students to receive a first hand experience of the financial crisis of our farming industry and the importance to support the local industry. The tour introduced students to the milking process, storage, production quantities, pasture production to feed the cattle, cattle yards, maintenance and the importance of technological advancements. As a school we were very honoured to care for and rare two of the Duckworth’s potty calves for a two week period. The calves were hand fed two to three times a day and measured at regular intervals to record weight fluctuations and growth by students in all Agriculture, Primary Industry and Food Technology classes. This was an invaluable experience which enhanced and supported the learning and understanding of livestock care and it’s relationship to the economy and food product development. A big thankyou to Aaron Kennedy for organising the excursion and his countless hours after and during school tending to the calves. Please support our local farmers and buy Norco.

Sarah Coates
Clarence Valley Parish Mass Times

St. Mary's Grafton
Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday Mass 8am
St. Patrick’s
South Grafton
Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday Mass 9.30am
Cowper
Sunday 8am Mass
Copmanhurst
First and third Sunday of the month at 10am

St. James Yamba
Saturday 5.30pm
St. John’s Iluka
Sunday 5pm
St. Mary’s
Maclean
Sunday 8.30am

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop has Moved to
Gate 3, 170 North St, Grafton.
(Old Brewery Site. Enter via the white gates, turn left, and go as far as you can (in the last shop).

For Enquiries, call U-Design Sportwear and Schoolwear on 6643 2989 OR Jacko on 0488 025 781
Also, Jumpers in sizes 12, 14 and 16 have arrived!

YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION DATES 2016
19th October
Gardasil (HPV) Dose 3
Boostrix, Varicella and HPV - catch ups if required

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CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 6      R. Zimmerman
Tue 7      L Lougher
Wed 8      K Barnett
Thur 9     B Walker
Fri 10     A Geary
Mon 13     PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 14     L. Lougher
Wed 15     K. West
Thu 16     HELP NEEDED
Fri 17     M. Ross
Mon 20     HELP NEEDED
Tue 21     L. Lougher
Wed 22     S. Parker
Thu 23     K. Barnett
Fri 24     S. McPherson

DATES TO REMEMBER
June
Mon 6     Year 10 Assessment
Tue 7     Year 10 Assessment
          Orientation Day Year 6
          Year 8 Reflection Day
Thu 9     U16 Girls Rugby League
Fri 10    Year 9 Geography Excursion

Birthdays Wishes
Reiley Harte, Jack Blanch, Sameul Lollback,
Joshua Dillinger-Essex, Liam Gazzard, Georgia-Mae Campbell, Brendan Keene, Lucas Westbury,
Declan Acton, Todd Jenkins, Toby Redwood,
Shaina Andrews, Eve Dougherty, Breanna Ellis,
Georgia Kroehnert, Brock Warren, Jay Newbold,
Jorgia Woulfe, Ryley Opalniuk, Gabriel Smidt, Zac Rediger, Eva Miller

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Changes to Government regulations relating to school attendance means that family holidays and travel are no longer considered an exemption from school procedures and any absence, as a result of a holiday and travel, will be recorded as an approved absence from school. As such, the duration of these absences will now appear on the student’s report as explained absences. For absences relating to a medical reason no form is required. Please email or write to the student’s Year Coordinator and/or Homeroom teacher and provide a medical certificate for an extended period of time.
Steer your Career

Thursday 16 June 2016
4.30pm - 7.30pm

This event provides an opportunity for school students & jobseekers to explore study options, career goals, and TAFE to Uni pathways through North Coast TAFE. Meet with NCTAFE friendly staff members, Job Actives, Career Advisors and Support Services.

WHERE: Dining on Clarence Training Restaurant
Grafton Campus, 7 Clarence Street GRAFTON 2460

CATERING: Enjoy complimentary canapés, with bar service available

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or visit www.northcoasttafe.edu.au
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Cnr Spring & New Street, South Grafton

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