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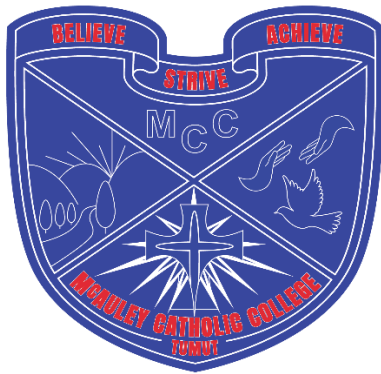
TUMUT

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Hello Everyone,

Another year, exciting to see what it has in store for us all in our Parish. Would love you to give me articles or make suggestions for our newsletter for this year. Please (phone 0428 941 773 or email me at kathleenshanahan38@gmail.com) if you would prefer to receive a digital copy of this newsletter let me know and you will be put on the list. Best wishes to you all, - Kath

McAuley Catholic College Begins the academic year



2024 is a year of firsts for our Catholic school.

- Change of name – Going from K - Yr 10 to K - Yr 12 we are no longer a Central School but a College.
- The first Year 12 students at our School

Nineteen students have started their final year at McAuley Catholic College – the first Year 12 cohort since the school extended their classes from Kindergarten to Year 12.

Principal Eamonn Moore said it was an exciting time and a historic year in the growth of the college. “It has been a long-held dream that McAuley offer education to Year 12,” he said.

“Many of our graduates this year will have been at the College since Kindergarten. This is a historic time for us not only to offer Stage 6 classes but to be able to offer flexible packages

to our students. Virtual learning, VET and TAFE options are allowing our boys and girls to be at home with their families pursuing opportunities to build strong futures.”



Year 12 students – Russell Guppy & Oliver McKay

Russell said remaining at McAuley has brought significant benefits to his educational experience. “For me, being able to complete my schooling at McAuley has meant a much smoother transition, as I did not have to change schools and adjust to a new environment,” he said. “It also means I didn’t have to go to boarding school and can continue with my sports training”. Fellow student Oliver agreed.

“It made becoming a senior easier because you know most of your teachers and classmates. Friendships continue. I also got to stay with my family and I could keep my part-time job”.

Community Council Chair and Yr 12 parent, Lyndal McKay said the community was grateful to Catholic Education Canberra Goulburn for the introduction of Years 11 and 12 at McAuley Catholic College. As a parent I am very grateful for the care and consideration.

Parish Councillors – Fr Joe Neonbasu, Eamonn Moore, Anita Mason, Trish Matthews, Patrick McCabe, Francis Moreno, James McDonald, Barry Jeffries, Evelyn Cisneros, Tony Butler



Father Joe enjoying his day off in the garden.

It's now a little over twelve months since Fr Joe came to our Parish and the Tumut Mission as our Parish Priest. He faced a somewhat daunting task as one Priest (previously there had been two to do this job) to administer to Tumut, Gundagai, Batlow, Adelong, Talbingo. He arrived at a time when our parish seemed to be somewhat divided on many levels.

He has the “canny” ability to be able to appeal to people’s good nature to try and do something within our parish, doesn’t matter how insignificant or small a contribution we make, it’s what, when all the contributions come together within the parish, that matters.

Father is not afraid to confront issues within the parish if they are causing consternation and get them resolved one way or the other. Might not always be to our liking but it’s a resolution nevertheless.

As one parishioner, I have to say that Tumut parish is a better place than it was twelve months ago in my opinion, others may disagree. To me there is a sense of togetherness amongst the parishioners, a willingness to have people work together whether its working bees, fundraising, or working on the various parish committees.

Thank you Fr Joe for your leadership. We are mindful of your large workload, so please take care

of yourself and enjoy your day off each Monday. Thank you to the Holy Spirit for sending you to us.

Contributed by Kath Shanahan (parishioner).

Parish Financial Report for 2023

Direct Giving **\$60,387**

This is Planned giving, 2nd Collection & Tap

Income & Expenditure for 2023

Income **\$68,229**

Expenditure **(\$72,279)**

Operating Loss **(\$ 4,050)**

Income = Direct Giving + Other Income

Your ongoing financial support of the Parish & Clergy is required and greatly appreciated.

Fundraising News

The Fundraising Committee met recently to plan for their endeavours for 2024.

Coming up.....

- 100 Club, tickets available 24th Feb
- Monster Easter Raffle – lots of chocolate
- Street Stalls – dates to be advised. *We need helpers on the stalls and lots of product to sell.*

Welcome to New Parishioners!

If you are new, or have new contact details, please drop us a note at tumut@cg.org.au or pop into the Parish Office. Open Tue, Thu & Fri 9-2pm.

A New Year also gives us an opportunity to look around the congregation at Mass. *Who do we know? What gifts have we noticed in them? Might there be a group, or activity, or committee they could be invited to?* The action of noticing someone and inviting them has another level of impact.

The next PPC meeting will be 13th March 2024.. If you have matters that you wish the Council to deal with, please inform one of our councillors (listed Page 1) and you can be assured that your matter will be tabled at a PPC meeting.