A day in the life of a Fitbit
As you grow older, it’s sad that there is more hair growing in your ears than there is on your head. You apologise to your wife for all the grunting and groaning that has interrupted her TV viewing in the other room and stretch and flex a little to recover from feigned exercise (when all you were really doing was tying your shoelaces). Your doctor, dentist, physio, chiro and mum occupy the first five slots on your speed-dial and all get invites to special extended family events. Eventually, life gets confusing as the police tell you to speed up and the doctor tells you to slow down – which is all well and good if only you could remember where you were going in the first place. The up side is that it can be good fun to freak other occupants by singing the words of the songs in the elevators, however, I digress.

I knew things had gotten bad the day I received a “fit-bit.” It is the present that tells you something, like buying the wife an apron. The fit-bit is a modern torture device that one straps around one’s wrist. It looks harmless enough but just as a geo-sat device can be inserted under the skin of an adventurous pet, or an ankle bracelet can be used to ensure compliance with a home detention order for a rehabilitated prisoner, the fit-bit has the purpose of keeping its victim accountable.

One flashing dot: The alarm sounds at 5.00 am. Time to get a few final things organised for the HICES meeting. There is plenty of the day left ahead. Typing / printing / a few reminders in the right hand column of the business meeting agenda / walk around the block / shower / dial in the sat-nav / off across town to the meeting - but still only one dot. Drat!!

Two flashing dots: Morning Tea. Farewell to the guest speaker / return to the car to get the folders for the delegates – still two dots. Meeting continues – much debate – a little argy-bargy – lots of planning for HICES debating and Music festival. Event Coordinators report on progress. New members are accepted – Lunch – Still two dots. Pick up Ros in the main street of Orange (she likes our car colour, which is the same as the name of the city – it’s easy to see). We drive back to Camden – still two dots. Now the fiendish fit-bit takes full mastery – must get to five dots. The walk begins.

Three flashing dots: a quick side-step to avoid the snapping lapdog on the end of a chain.

Four flashing dots: we reach the top of the hill. It’s a steep climb but worth it. I think of the recent headlines bout students who are taking drugs to keep themselves awake for the HSC and wonder whether they could really enjoy the result having not really climbed the hill. I contemplate the drug cheats in the Tour de France – a shallow enjoyment of a few accolades; sponsorship possibilities but what price integrity – that which defines you. Lance Armstrong never really climbed the hill either. Nobody will ever know whether he would have been world champion anyway. Ros and I look out across the new developments in Narellan and briefly pause to watch the sun go down. God is great. The view is majestic and all the more enjoyable because it required effort to get there.

Five flashing dots: on the descent from the hill. We trudge onward awaiting the buzz that signals success. Ros has a fit-bit too but it broke so she walks with me, and vicariously shares the buzz.

The buzz: It’s dark. Mission accomplished. Ten kilometres covered. It’s important to keep active – especially for desk jockeys. My dad started as a chainman for surveyors and worked his way up through the organisation until he landed an office job. The guys called him Shinypants – though with great respect. In hindsight, I think the fit-bit was a gift from the heart from someone who wanted me to be around for a while. It certainly keeps you on track. Off to bed now…

Tomorrow it's back to WAC – a new day begins with one flashing dot.
TONIGHT

An Information Evening
for
Year 7 2017

Thursday, 18 February 2016

6.00 pm  College Tours
Tours will depart at 6.00 pm and 6.20 pm
from the Sails Area

6.15 pm  BBQ Supper
Sails Area

7.00 pm  Information Evening
Warne Auditorium

8.00 pm  Evening close

Come along and take the opportunity to view our
facilities, meet current students and ask questions about
the Secondary years at Wollondilly.

Welcoming our existing College students, all new
students already enrolled for 2017 and those interested
in a future enrolment

We look forward to seeing you!

...my family is worth the investment!
From The President

Brekkie is on us!

P&F Breakfast
Tuesday, 23 February 2016

From 8.00 am
Canteen Awning, Sails Area

Drop the kids off and join us for a delicious complimentary bbq breakfast* and a cuppa!

*breakfast will be served from 8.10 am

• Another opportunity to meet your P&F and enjoy some friend-raising!
• Become part of a fun team of dedicated volunteers
• Meet new parents within the College
• Hear about what’s happening at your College
• Volunteer as little or as much as you like

...because our kids are worth it!
FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Year 11 & 12 Information Night

Tuesday, 23 February in Warne Auditorium at 7.00 pm
- We anticipate that students and at least one of their parents attend.
- Some information regarding the calculation of HSC Marks and scaling.
- Tips to successful achievement in the HSC.
- There will be information regarding the demands of the Year 11 & 12 courses and the expectations regarding Assessment.

Students are expected to wear their College uniform.

Duke of Edinburgh’s Award
Training Day

Dear Parents

On Saturday, 20 February a Training Day will be held to prepare students for their first expedition which will occur on 2 & 3 April.

Details are as follows:
- Commences at 8.30 am at the College at Melba Ampitheatre and concludes 2.00 pm
- Students will need to bring – hat, sunscreen, water bottle, clothes for walking in bush, suitable shoes for bush walking, a pen and recess. Students can join the working bee BBQ for lunch.
- The students will be supervised and instructed by Mr Croger and Mrs Cochrane. Activities will include instruction on safety, first aid, navigating using a map and compass, equipment to take, route planning for the expedition, requirements and expectations for an expedition, cooking and camping skills

Students will need to be registered with the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award program to attend the day.

It is important that students attend this training before they participate in the expedition or expeditions at a later date.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH’S AWARD
EXPEDITION PLANNING 2016

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MYTECH 2017

At last year’s Presentation Evenings, Dr Quarmby announced the next phase of the College plan to move toward secondary students using their own devices in classrooms. This One to One Learning program (one student to a device), already operating on a voluntary basis in Years 11 and 12, has been labelled ‘MyTech’ at WAC.

The College anticipates that this expanded program will not only provide students with access to global resources and content but it will also give them the opportunity to take ownership of their learning and develop creative problem solving.

The focus will be on student learning, rather than on the technology. As a result of this focus on learning, it is imperative that the teaching staff are further equipped with the skills and resources to best utilise this technology to enhance the outcomes in the classroom. Throughout 2016 the staff will receive additional training and development in this area.

The Roll Out for devices from Years K – 6 will continue as follows and will be purchased by the College:

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The Roll Out for devices for secondary students will occur as follows and these will be purchased by parents. We have staggered the roll out to assist with affordability.

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Throughout 2017 the College will continue to provide access to class sets of Chromebooks for use in class.

There will be some choice for parents in the purchase, as the devices will be owned by the students, not the College. There will be some minimum specification requirements for the devices and further information regarding the roll out and the opportunity for parents to buy devices through the College if parents choose to do so.

The type of device will be a laptop or Chromebook rather than an ipad or Tablet device, with a consideration of the cost to parents and its capability and durability.

At this stage, the advice would be to not rush out to purchase a device until you have all the information. Some students may already own a device that will be suitable.

Further information will be available throughout the year.

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster
Confidence
Confidence is central to achievement no matter what age you are, but it’s especially important for children and young people. Encouragement is a powerful confidence-builder and is something every parent can learn. However, before we are to truly encourage kids we first need to eradicate any discouraging practices and techniques. These include:

1. Fault-finding
In the past teachers and parents used fault-finding methods to improve performance. In school spelling errors were always pointed out, maths mistakes were marked in red and poor speech corrected. The number of students who simply gave up rather than improved is testament to the fact that constantly having your faults highlighted is disheartening as a learner. Far better to give positive feedback that aids learning than constantly highlight what you cannot do.

2. Conditional acceptance
Sometimes we accept children’s efforts only if they reach our lofty adult standards. Accept their genuine efforts as good enough for their age and stage of development. For instance, if your seven-year-old child makes his bed but he forgets to tuck the corners in, avoid the temptation of fixing it up. Be thankful that he is doing it and as he gets older and more skilled he can fix his bed more to your liking.

3. Comparing
Parents often compare one sibling with another as we wish to offer one as a model to emulate. “Why don’t you keep a neat bedroom like your sister?” or “Look how well your brother behaves. You should be more like him.” Such comments not only inflame sibling rivalry but also deeply discourage children. Similarly, we can compare children to their friends with comments like, “Jai is doing really well at school. He is more self-motivated than you. He does his homework straight away.” I am not sure if such comments are ideal ways of motivating kids!! Better to use their own previous performance as yardstick than compare with siblings or friends.

4. Labelling
Labelling, whether positive or negative is a shortcut to discouragement. "You’re a star!" can be just as discouraging as “You’re a dope!” The latter impacts negatively on self-belief. After all, it’s hard to disagree with a trusted adult. But being told you’re wonderful all the time can give you lofty standards to live up to, which places unwanted pressure on some kids. Kids who are placed on pedestals often avoid tackling activities where they know they’ll struggle. Real self-confidence is revealed when kids risk failure. They’ll have a go because failure doesn’t reflect on them. Better focus on behaviours that lead to success such as effort and persistence than on the results or even the performer himself. (Grose 2016)

Student Leadership
Congratulations to the following House Captains who have been appointed for 2016. This is an important student leadership role in which students in all areas of their House will be responsible for modelling a quality example to all others in terms of participation, organisation and enthusiasm at a variety of House based initiatives.
Transport Issues
Parents are reminded to model appropriate road safety to their children and others at the College. In recent times a number of parents are crossing between the afternoon buses and cars that are entering or leaving the College. Please use the marked crossing to cross to the carpark, even if this means a slight additional walk to your car. Your safety and the safety of the students is paramount, please do not continue to model poor habits in this area and increase the risk of danger to all using the College driveways at this very busy point of the day.

Captains Lunch
On Wednesday, 17 February the College Captains, Senior Captains, Middle School Captains and Primary Captains met with Dr Quarmby, Mr Toland, Ms Huxtable and Mrs Rockwell to discuss the year ahead in their roles. This is a great opportunity to encourage the Captains in their student leadership roles and to talk about the model of servant leadership that is so integral to the way we desire our students to lead. It is also a time for them to reflect on the previous student leaders at the College and the qualities that they admired in these leaders.

Community Service
A reminder to all students to come along on Saturday, 20 February between 8.00 am-2.00 pm to our Term 1 Working Bee. All student leaders are encouraged to attend for a small part of the day to model the importance of attendance and involvement in our College Community. Students from T-12 are asked if they can put aside part of the day to come along and make a contribution to the Working Bee as well as contribute to a sense of community at the College, a value that makes us distinct.

Mr Liam Toland
Pastoral Care Coordinator T-12
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2016. SUNDAY, 6 MARCH

A team from the College will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day this year. The location of the site we 'clean up' will be new. This year we will work on a site that is facilitated by one of the College families. It is located around Arina Road in Pheasants Nest. All are welcome to attend. Please note, students under the age of 12 will need to have a parent accompanying them. More information will be distributed in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Mr Jay Hart
Assistant HSIE Coordinator

CAR PARKING AT COLLEGE

An important reminder to parents regarding car parking at the College. The following car parks are available for parent parking at any time:

- Car park at the front of College campus;
- Warne Auditorium car park;
- Elizabeth Cottage car park;
- Melba Cottage car park;

The following area is available for student drop off ONLY:

- Student drop off bay adjacent to Gumnut Cottage.

The following areas are NOT available for parent parking OR student drop off:

- Alfred Deakin Administration Centre staff car park;
- Alfred Deakin Administration Centre visitor car parking, delivery bays or disabled spaces;
- The roundabout around the College flag adjacent to Gumnut Cottage;
- Flynn Collegiate student car park.

It is regrettable that a small number of parents are regularly ignoring parking signs and disregarding notices to make their own arrangements.

We would respectfully ask ALL parents to adhere to these parking guidelines which have been established to ensure safe and available car parking for all our visitors.

We thank you in anticipation of your assistance.

Mr Frederick Schroder
Property Manager

ATTENTION PARENTS

Our College has a confirmed case of head lice in the Secondary. We encourage all parents to check children's hair and provide treatment if appropriate.
TERM 1 WORKING BEE - 20 FEBRUARY 2016

Our first Working Bee for 2016 is planned for Saturday, 20 February from 8.00 am till 2.00 pm and we would love to have you join us here at the College. For those of you who are new to our College, it is a good way to be a part of the greater College community, meeting and working side by side while having some great fellowship with other parents and students. It also helps to get some of the things done around the place, for which we don’t normally have the time. Some of these jobs are:

- Weeding and tidying up of all our garden areas around the College after the rain;
- Mulching using a tractor to load our utes which can then be added to the gardens;
- The College car park gutters can be swept to rid them of leaves which can then be put on the gardens as compost;
- The cover girls will be covering some books with Mrs Saint-John in the Flynn 2 classroom from 9.00 am;
- A great job for the kids is the picking up of papers around our field;
- Our old Admin has been removed and we just need to tidy the area up before we can use it;
- Gutters can be swept or blown.

Between now and then there could be more jobs found that need attending to so don’t forget to bring your gardening tools, gloves and anything else you think might help on the day. We always have a great time at our Working Bees so come along and be a part of the action to help keep our College looking great.

As always a luscious Morning Tea will be provided by the Wollondilly Anglican Community Church and a BBQ lunch will be provided by the P&F.

Mr Frederick Schroder
Property Manager
Changes to placing a lunch and recess order from Term 2
The Canteen now offers online ordering for recess and lunch through Flexi Schools.

Parents are required to set up an account and are able to place orders up to 9.00 am each day. Please note that repeat orders can be easily set up.


Due to the introduction of FlexiSchools, from the commencement of Term 2, all lunch and recess orders will need to be made through FlexiSchools.

"Money in the bag" lunch and recess orders will be phased out during Term 1 and will not be available from Term 2 onwards.

Students will still be able to "walk up" and purchase items from the Canteen windows as normal.

All students are encouraged to order their lunch as there are limited items available over the counter.

Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy!

Mrs Carolyn Richards
Canteen Supervisor

Thirlmere Festival of Steam

The Thirlmere Festival of Steam is fast approaching, taking place over the weekend of 5 and 6 March 2016. Once again, the College is a Silver Sponsor of this fantastic community event and we will be Lead Sponsor of the Festival Parade.

On Sunday, 6 March our talented students will be taking to the Festival stage as part of the entertainment program, we will have a College stand in the park area and all students are invited to march in the Festival parade.

Look out for more information in future Waratah Weeklies and come along and join in the fun!

Mrs Lorna Harper
Acting Development Manager
Following on from last year’s successful exchange program, we have a number of applications from our sister school in Germany from students who wish to come to Wollondilly.

The students would visit for three months. They arrive in the last week of Term 2 and return to Germany mid way through September. During that time they stay with Wollondilly College families. They attend the College and spend the July holidays with their host families. Host families need to provide a home for them and be prepared to show them something of Australia. For example take them to Sydney Harbour and places like Canberra and the Blue Mountains. It is advantageous if students can have their own room, but they can share rooms too.

Some of the students only wish to visit Australia, while others are keen to have their Australian partner return to Germany on exchange.

(Below is a summary of the students). If you are interested in either hosting or exchanging then please contact Mrs Clark at the College as soon as possible. The German families are keen to book airfares, so I need to know soon if we can host all the students.

Remember "Monolingualism is curable. Learn a second language!"

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<td>6/9/00</td>
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<td>15/2/01</td>
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<td>Basketball, horse riding, soccer., singing movies, dancing, cooking, loves horses</td>
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<td>Mountain biking, hiking, jogging, skiing, travelling, camping</td>
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<td>Simon Hoch (boy)</td>
<td>14/11/00</td>
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Mrs Carolyn Clark
German Teacher

2016 NSW School Vaccination Program for all Year 7 Students

All Year 7 students will have received an information pack for the NSW School Vaccination Program. The first vaccination date is Wednesday, 2 March. To enable your child to receive these vaccines please complete and return all forms prior to the first vaccination day.

If your child has not received an information pack, please call at the Student Reception to collect one.

Mrs Deborah Cook
Deputy Headmaster’s Secretary
**YEAR BOOKS**

There has been considerable time spent on archiving and cleaning out during the holidays and we have decided to release some of our stored Year Books for the benefit of our College community. If your family would like extra copies of past Year Books, please come to the Visitor Reception in the Deakin Building to pick up. These will only be available until Friday, 19 February.

Mrs Rhonda Hay  
Headmaster's Secretary

**MATHS CLUB YEARS 3-6 2016**

There are some changes to help more students become involved each week.

1. Questions to ask: Student's can bring questions that they would like help with or strategies they are keen to practice and get some feedback.
2. Round table problem solving: I will have an array of question cards that students can work through, individually or in pairs.
3. Practice of times tables in a fun environment: Students can access multiplication.com games that involve fun repetition or attempt sheets and have the choice of timing their work in reaching personal bests.

When: Every Monday at 2nd half lunch. I will pick up Years 3 and 4 from their playground and Years 5 and 6 can meet me at the door of Banks 5 IT lab at the start of 2nd half lunch.

If any further information is required, please contact me at d.wayne@wac.nsw.edu.au

Mr Darren Wayne  
Primary Teacher

**APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT 2017**

Applications are coming in thick and fast for 2017, especially in all our entry years - Transition, Kindergarten and Year 7. All current College families looking to enrol siblings next year are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible.

Early applications for enrolment are always recommended - we are happy to receive your applications for all year groups for any year of entry.

Application packs are available from the College Office or from the College website.

Mrs Lorna Harper  
Acting Development Manager

**SCHOLARSHIPS 2017 2018**

The Scholarship 2017 2018 applications have now closed. All applicants will shortly receive a letter providing information about the Test Day, which takes place on Saturday, 27 February 2016.

Should you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Lorna Harper  
Acting Development Manager
**Coding Cadets**

Coding Cadets will be taking place on Wednesdays at lunchtime. It will focus on teaching students a basic computer programming language called Python.

In order to be involved in Coding Cadets students will need to have an active subscription to www.groklearning.com.

The subscription allows the students to access four self paced courses online and negates the need for expensive software.

This will be organised by the College with the cost of the subscription $30.00 added to your child’s next invoice if they participate in this activity.

It will take place at lunchtimes on Wednesday in Flynn 7.

Students can join the group at anytime and there is no experience necessary.

*Mr Ben Leffley*
Mathematics Teacher
**Transition to Year 6 AFL After Schools Program 2016**
All students are welcome to participate in the very popular four week coaching development program for children from Transition to Year 6 starting on Friday, 19 February, 2016. It runs after College hours from 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm at the front oval. All students should have an invitation form and can register for this online. Please contact me at d.wayne@wac.nsw.edu.au for any further information.

**Regional Little Athletics Championships 2016**
Well done to four primary athletes who represented at regional athletics at Lake Illawarra last weekend. Jayde Gitto came 3rd in Discus and 1500 metres, 5th in 800 metres and 7th in 400 metres. Nat Carroll came 4th in Long Jump, 5th in 60m hurdles, 7th in 100 metres and 9th in 70 metre sprint. Isabelle Pozza came 3rd in long jump, 4th in 60 m hurdles and 5th in 100 metres and Keesha Deane came 12th in the 200 metres.

**Year 3 and 4 Basketball Competition Term 1, 2016**
Starting Friday at lunchtime, I will be running a four a side Basketball competition. There will be boys' and girls' teams or they can mix. Start thinking of who you would like to play with and your team name.

**WAC Primary Swimming Carnival 2016**
What a wonderful day was had by all the staff, parents and students at our annual event. The proudly dressed up tents with lots of streamers and signs were amazing to look at. A big thank you to all the children who went in the races. It is awesome to see so many children go in events and their friends cheering them on wholeheartedly. Our teachers did themselves proud and Mr Houweling seemed to be doing lap after lap. A free swim at the end in hot conditions meant everyone was in the pool.

All the best to all swimmers who will be representing the College at the NASSA carnival at Homebush on **Tuesday, 1 March 2016 commencing at 4.00 pm.** Permission notes will be given to students in the next week.

**NASSA Selection Criteria:**
50 metres freestyle: Fastest three times in 8 to 10 years, 11 and 12 years.
50 metres butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke: fastest two times in combined 8 to 10 years, 11 and 12 years. 100 metre freestyle is fastest boy and girl in combined 8 to 10 years, 11 and 12 years.

If you have any further questions, please email myself at d.wayne@wac.nsw.edu.au

**Age Champions:**
8/9 years: PJ French and Kaitlyn Cameron
10 years: Toby Randall and Sophie Waites
11 years: Mathew Eagles and Eloise McMiles
12 years: Jacob Smith and Lauren Cameron

**Mr Darren Wayne**  
Primary Sports Coordinator 2016
The trials for the IPSSO teams have been completed. Our first competition game is next Wednesday. All games will be played at Broughton Anglican College. Junior games will begin at 11.45 am and Senior games at 12.45 pm.

This week students received the IPSSO Code of Conduct. This needs to be signed and glued in diaries before students can take part in their games.

Students in IPSSO teams who wish to order lunches through the online ordering system (Flexischools) will need to select the alert. Please select this alert if you have Primary Sport on a Wednesday and require early lunch for IPSSO. This will notify the Canteen that lunches will need to be collected early.

Mr Stuart Houweling
Primary Teacher
MISA
This week we played St Benedict’s in both OzTag and Basketball with three out of four teams starting off the season with a win. Our Open Girls’ Oz Tag team had a fantastic 3-1 win whilst the boys won 6-1. The 8/9 Girls Basketball kept the victories going with a convincing 10-2 win. Next week we play Macarthur Anglican in all sports.

MISA Girls Cricket
This week our girls were lucky enough to get some valuable coaching from Barry Clapson (Former North Sydney and Campbelltown-Camden Ghosts Coach). Barry ran them through a range of drills to help introduce them to the game of Cricket. We are very appreciative of Barry for giving up his time to see Cricket grow not only at our College but within the Wollondilly area.

Representative Sports
Congratulations to Ryan King, Mekdes Geist, Molly Birta, Isabelle Robertson and Jecia Robertson for their recent selection in Representative teams. Ryan is a member of the NSW CIS Softball team for the 2nd year in a row. Mekdes was selected as a reserve for the Under 15’s NASSA Basketball side to compete at the AICES carnival later this year. Whilst Molly, Jecia and Isabelle were all selected in the NASSA Under 16’s Hockey side.

WAC Swimming Carnival
Students are reminded that full sports uniform (including House shirt is to be worn) on the day. Swimwear for girls must be one-piece. No bikinis allowed. If students wish to enter the 200IM or 200 Free they should be ready to marshal at 7.50 am with the first race starting at 8.00 am sharp. Parents are welcome to attend on the day, however, please be aware there is a spectator fee that must be paid to the Leisure Centre prior to entering the outside pool area.

College Sport
Our regular House Sport rotations began this week for all students not involved in a MISA team. This term each House group will attend the following sports:

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What to bring for House Sports
Students are reminded that if they are scheduled to do Weights or Kickboxing they MUST bring a towel for hygiene purposes. 7/8 Acacia students who are doing Swimming MUST bring their swimmers and a towel (goggles optional). Uniform infringements will be handed out for students failing to come prepared for sport.

Upcoming Events:
CIS Boys’ Softball Trials 17 February
WAC Swimming Carnival 19 February
NASSA Swimming 2 March
NASSA Tennis 4 March
CIS Golf 14 March

Mr Mark Goldsborough
Secondary Sports Coordinator
Another amazing fun filled three days at camp for our Year 7. It was so great opportunity to get to know others and make lots of new friends and students worked through numerous activities. Activities included Abseiling, Dragon Boating, Raft building, Water sliding, Rock climbing, Sailing, Fishing etc.

Some of the highlights were probably Mr Van Netten's superb bombing skills into the pool, Jackson Tzitziris' ability to land two shoes on a chair from a huge distance, Charlie-Rose and Chloe's little mouse friend and Zane Jacobs' masterful fishing ability. An excellent but exhausting time for all that resulted in a perfectly timed Nanna nap for Mrs Rockwell to finish proceedings.

Thank you to all involved for being such an excellent fun loving group of students and thanks also to our teachers Mrs Zvargulis, Mr Leffley and Mr Van Netten for giving up time away from their families so we could all enjoy camp.

Mrs Lisa Rockwell
Pastoral Care Coordinator (5-8)
Our Sponsors

We take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to our generous sponsors who help make our Country Fair a huge success every year.

Parents’ & Friends’ Association

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From time to time, families undergo trauma such as severe or terminal illness. There are short term **support structures in place at the College to assist families** during these times. Parents have kindly offered practical support such as meals for other families. Please contact Mrs Hay or Mr Shaw at the College, to assist. Confidentiality will be respected when requested.

**Greenvalley's Mountain Bike Park**
BMX and Mountain Bike Skills Clinics. Friday, 15 April 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. Cost $50.00 (limited to 30 riders). What to bring: helmet, bike, food, drink, sunscreen, protective gear and clothing. For enquiries please email greenvalleysbikeclub@gmail.com or book at www.greenvalleysmountainbikepark.com under book to ride page.

**Greenvalley's Mountain Bike Park**
Australian All-Schools Championships 2016. 15 April until 17 April 2016. The 2016 All-Schools Championships gives school age bike riders a special chance to ride and experience their mountain bike and BMX bikes. The bike trails at Greenvalleys Mountain Bike Park are designed for all age levels and skills of riders. The different event courses are run by a strict set of rules and guidelines supplied by Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA) and BMX Australia (BMXA). All enquiries www.greenvalleysmountainbikepark.com until midnight on Wednesday, 14 April.

**The Australian Army Cadets Recruiting now!**
The Australian Army Cadets (AAC) is a youth development organisation sponsored by the Australian Defence Force, dedicated to providing opportunities for all young Australians to obtain comprehensive personal challenges and growth, enhanced self-esteem and self-discipline, and adventurous enjoyment in a military environment. The opportunity to be selected to represent your State or Country overseas as an exchange cadet. Must be 12 years 6 months. For more information phone Capt (AAC) Aussie Biele on 0414 0495 340 or richard.biele47@outlook.com

**Family Weekend Camp 2016**
Teen Ranch is hosting what’s becoming an Annual Family Weekend Camp 25 - 27 November this year. The weekend will be limited to a maximum of 12 families, with each family staying in their own cabin. Campers will all have meals together as well as doing some activities during the days and evenings. There will also be the chance for families to spend some down time relaxing together or chilling out by the pool! Please contact the office for more information or to register your interest for this unique weekend! 4651 2268 or info@teenranch.com.au

**Bargo Netball Club**
Bargo Netball Club is looking for netball players, especially in the 5 to 7 years age group. If you would like to play netball on a Saturday for a family friendly local club please email Bridget at bargonetballclub@gmail.com or find us on Facebook

**Hill Top Church: 100 years young!**
Hill Top Church is celebrating its 100 year anniversary from 21-28 February. There are various events and services throughout the week, including a 1916 style service on Sunday, 21 February (come dressed up!) and a Gala day on Saturday, 27 February (face painting, hot rods, kids craft, plant giveaway etc). For further information please see website http://www.hilltopchurch.org.au/

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Please Note that this page is a service to the Community and items advertised do not necessarily carry the endorsement of the College. The College tries to be selective with what is advertised but cannot take responsibility. Please look into events advertised carefully.
Wollondilly Anglican Community Church (WACC) meets in the Clifford Warne Auditorium every Sunday at 9.00 am. Contact: Rev Kevin Flanagan 0418 281 430 or (02) 4681 8742.

“Those who walk with God always reach their destination”

HEADMASTERLY HAPPENINGS

February

Thursday, 18 College Corporate Golf Day meeting
Wests Tigers CEO meeting
Student Enrolment Interviews 2017
(Evening) Year 7 2017 Information Evening

Friday, 19 Wollondilly Anglican College Secondary Swimming Carnival
Student Enrolment Interviews 2017
Independent Primary Schools Sports Organisation Meeting
(Evening) IPSSO Meeting continues

Saturday, 20 Term 1 Working Bee – All Parents, Friends, Students Welcome.
Monday, 22 Stage 8 Building Site Meeting
Stage 9 Planning Meeting
Meeting with HSC analysis consultant
Student Enrolment Interviews 2017

Tuesday, 23 Parents’ and Friends’ Breakfast at 8.00 am – All parents welcome
Student Enrolment Interviews 2017
Registration and Accreditation Meeting
(Evening) Year 11 and 12 Information Night

Wednesday, 24 College Executive Meeting
Student Enrolment Interviews 2017
MISA Meeting

Thursday, 25 Student Enrolment Interviews 2017
(Evening) Mayoral Reception for 10 Year 12 2015 HSC High Achievers

Friday, 26 Student Enrolment Interviews 2017

Saturday, 27 Association of Heads of Independent Schools Australia at Abbotsleigh
Scholarship Examinations
Grace Class Testing (External Applicants)

Sunday, 28 AHISA continues at Abbotsleigh

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MEET THE STAFF

Mrs Roslynne Patterson’s profile:

Where did you grow up? Mackay, QLD
Favourite food? Chocolate
Favourite music? All - Classical, Jazz, Rock, Easy listening
Favourite book? Max Lucado
Interests? Music, Drama and Choir
PRAYER POINTS

Thank God

• For those who care for us.
• For the way that new staff and new students have settled into the College.
• That the building program – present and future – is progressing so well.

Ask God

• For successful parent information nights for 2016 and 2017 starters.
• For a successful roll out of the new Learning Management System at the College.
• To give us wisdom, discernment and lots of encouragement as we continue with approvals from regulatory authorities for continued expansion and facilities (and a second entry/exit) on the Olive Farm sites.

Psalm 127:1 Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain.

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity