The year of the yum-cha!

Welcome and welcome back! It occurs to me that there must be a limit to how long we can continue to be “one of the fastest growing schools in NSW”, BUT there is no sign of any let-up just yet. (Visions come to mind of a single multi-story building covering most of the 80 acres unless it slows down eventually – which inevitably it will – there are already waiting lists for some years). Of course it is a special welcome to over 100 new faces as they start here in 2013.

This growth phenomenon lies at the feet of a tireless community of workers and a hand-picked staff of professionals dedicated to providing and supporting quality education. Remarkable growth is their fault!

This year we celebrate our 10th year and there is a veritable yum-cha of exciting things being planned to mark the occasion. Here are a few – a foundation dinner with guest artist, Danny Elliot, club entertainer of the year; a 10 year time capsule to be buried this year until the year 2053; a foundation day program of activities for students; a paver pathway to mark families and individuals who have been part of the College in the first 10 years; a tile wall with a tile representing every enrolment at the College on foundation day; a book of memories (you can write these); a 10-year commemorative badge for students. There are 20 other ideas that we have said NO to.

Mr Croger has agreed to step into the hot-seat during Term 2 and allow me to take half of the post 5-year mandatory sabbatical – on safari in Africa where apparently I can’t check emails (How rude!). Our College mascots – Wolly and Dilly are excited about meeting gorillas face-to-face already.

Celebration will not replace hard work. For some, there may be a temptation to lie back on the Chase Lounge and sup on hand-fed grapes whilst pontificating on that which was – BUT – this is not the Wollondilly way. In 2013, we will continue our commitment to those things that we hold dear –

We are a Christian College. God loves us and has a purpose for our lives. Strong, robust men and women believe this.
We value learning and the pursuit of excellence. Staff set the standards for learning at the College and students respond - not the other way around.
We promote pride in belonging. The world is about us - not me.
We are an important part of the Shire and surrounding districts and purposefully develop community. We are the aware that impressionable eyes and ears of the next generation are upon us and take it seriously that the sons and daughters of Wollondilly will have who they are and what they stand for significantly shaped by their time here.

Let the celebrations begin! (And there won’t be any less homework)
Given a traditional strength in Maths, English, Music and the Sciences, it was encouraging to see a greater breadth of recognition for the hard work of students and staff, reflective of the Academic / Music / Dance scholarship program at the College in 2012.

Academic Honours went to the 2012 students of Ancient History with 40% of students in the class achieving the highest possible Band (6). Additionally, over half of the students in both the Extension English, Music and Dance classes were placed in the top two bands for their respective subjects.

The depth in Creative and Performing Arts at the College was also worthy of celebration with all students at the College achieving in the top three bands for Dance, Music and Visual Arts courses.

Congratulations are due to those students who were placed on the Distinguished Achievers Merit list for NSW and published in the Sydney papers;

**Hollie Blacker**

**Brendan Parnell**

These students have been invited to a reception held by Mayor Col Mitchell on behalf of the Wollondilly Shire to celebrate their High Achievements.

23 of the 24 students in Year 12, 2012, were eligible for an Australian Tertiary Assessment Rank (ATAR). This determines eligibility for University entrance.

Dux of 2012, Brendan Parnell had some do and don’ts by way of advice for future Wollondillians - “Don’t stress. Staff here have prepared you well. Do past papers. It is the best form of practice”.

College Headmaster, Dr Stuart Quarmby, said “the majority of students were very pleased with the reward for effort that their results provided. Most made a point of coming back during the holidays to thank staff. We are a comprehensive College and the great stories of average students achieving much better than expected results are just as compelling for us (and for their parents) as the high achievers – though we congratulate them and rejoice in their achievements as well.”
ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

Interviews have commenced for students applying for entry into secondary years in 2014. It is important that parents wishing students to be enrolled Transition to Year 12 fill in the Application for Enrolment documentation. If you are aware of friends wishing to receive application information, please inform them as positions, particularly for Year 7 are filling quickly and we will limit the number of classes to three. Primary interviews for Years K - 6 will also commence this term. Transition interviews will commence in Term 2.

(Please do not delay applications for 2014. Some of those leaving it until the last minute to apply for positions to start this year (2013) have been placed on a waiting list for some classes – including Transition and Year 7)

Application for Enrolment documentation is available at the College office or online at www.wac.nsw.edu.au.

Mrs Christine Mozejko
College Development Manager

FEES FOR 2013

Parents would be aware that College Council last year considered a proposed budget from the Headmaster and approved fee rises that ranged from zero to a few per cent for 2013. In all cases, fee rises were less than expected inflation and CPI. The Headmaster and College Council would also like to acknowledge the hard work of parents and staff at the Annual Country Fair – our chief fund-raiser for the year.

CONGRATULATIONS CAPTAINS 2013

Primary - Rylea Keen and Lawson Eva
Middle - Emily Baker and Jye Green
Senior - Laura Fleming and Samuel Gardiner
College Captains - Ashleigh Smith and Axel Friedrich

FIRST ROUND SCHOLARSHIPS

First Round Scholarship applications for 2013 have closed.

The timing of closure is dictated to us by the organization that sets the examinations and is determined for them by the timing of the tests and the processing of the papers. We are pleased with the number, and standard, of applications.

There will be other, more limited opportunity(s) for academic, dance, music scholarships later in the year – depending to some extent, on the number taken up in the main round of offers.

GERMAN TRIP 2013 - LAST CHANCE!

Students wanting to attend the German trip in 2013 need to have their $1000.00 deposit paid to the Office by Friday, 8 February. Cheques are payable to Wollondilly Anglican College. Please contact the Office if you have any questions

Mr Jonathan Shaw
College Administrator
FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

T – 4 Information Night
Wednesday, 6 February at 7.00 pm in the Auditorium

Years 5 - 7 Information Night
This will be held in the Warne Auditorium and commences at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 12 February. This evening is an opportunity for parents to gain information on a range of Teaching and Learning and Pastoral Care Issues.

Parent Portal
We also hope to be able to demonstrate to parents how they can access the academic progress of their children via our ‘Parent Portal’.

Years 5 & 6
Parents will have the opportunity to meet with the class teacher. (Students are not required to attend)

Year 7
• Arrive between 6.00 – 6.15 pm as there will be an optional ‘Meet the Parents’ BBQ in the Rose Garden.
• This is followed by the meeting in the Warne Auditorium at 7.00 pm
• We anticipate that students and at least one of their parents attend the information evening
• Year 7 students are expected to attend the evening in College uniform.

Years 11 & 12 Information Night
Tuesday, 26 February in Flynn Amphitheatre 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.
• A demonstration of access to the Parent Portal on Edumate
• Students are expected to wear their College uniform.

Assessment Handbooks – Years 7-12
Year 12 will soon receive their Assessment Handbook, which outlines the College Assessment Policy and provides information to parents and students with regard to the processes involved with HSC Assessment.

An Assessment Calendar and assessment dates can also be accessed by parents on the Edumate Parent Portal.

Assessment Handbooks will be available in the next week for Years 7 to 11 with similar information relating to their particular year group.

Uniform
Many of the opinions that people have about our College and our students are formed when they interact with our students in the community. It is important that our students maintain high standards of dress and behaviour.

Could parents of junior students; and middle and senior students themselves, please assist us with the following.

Hair
Parents have been asked to collect students who do not follow these simple instructions - Hair should be one natural colour (original or close to original) No streaks.

Boys’ Hair
• Should not cover their eyes.
• Should be above the collar.
• Should be minimum length 3 for buzz-cuts.
• Should not be spiked or messy.

Girls’ Hair
• Should be tied back at the nape of the neck (for safety).
• Should allow a hat to be easily worn.
• Hair adornments (ribbons etc) need to be dark green, black or white. The exception is for sports carnival days where House Colours are welcomed and encouraged.
Jewellery
• Girls may wear a simple single stud or sleeper. No other piercings are permitted.
• No bracelets (other than medical bracelets) or necklaces.

Hats
• Should be worn in sun or carried at all times. (The exception is for Collegiate students who may elect not to wear a hat whilst on the Senior Precinct).

Shoes
• College shoes K-12 need to be BLACK, POLISHABLE LEATHER, FLAT HEALED LACE-UP. Shoes should also be polished from time to time (if not daily).
• Sport/PE shoes need to be PREDOMINANTLY white that are not ‘skater type shoes’.

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster

WHO DO I CONTACT AT THE COLLEGE?

As the College grows, it is important to avoid delay by raising issues with the right person. This list may help –

General College inquiries: Mrs Cook, Ms Thomas
Enrolments: Mrs Mozejko (Admin/Enrolments)
Property matters: Mr Schroder (Property Manager), Mr Dubois
Information Technology matters: Mr O’Connell (IT Manager), Mr Newhouse
Significant Transport matters: Mr Toland
General Matters: Classroom Teacher (T-6), Year Patron (7-12)
Significant Matters (Pastoral Care): Mrs Keen (T-4)
                Mrs Rockwell (5–8)
                Mr Toland (9-12)
Significant matters (Curriculum)
                Ms Huxtable (T-6)
                Mrs Croger (English, Humanities)
                Mr Denley (Creative Arts, Languages)
                Dr Eaton (Science, Technology)
                Mr Hicks (Maths, PDHPE, Christian Studies)

If still concerned: Mr Croger (Deputy Headmaster)
Finally: Dr Quarmby (Headmaster)

Unless the matter can be dealt with quickly, please make an appointment with the person concerned or through the office. Appointments to see Mr Croger can be made through Mr Shaw; Appointments with Dr Quarmby, through Mrs Hay.

Vaccinations for all Year 7 Students and Year 9 Boys (only) will be held on Tuesday, 19 February. Vaccination forms will be handed out and need to be returned to the College Office by Tuesday, 12 February.
**Pastoral Care Matters**

**Attendance**
Children between the ages of six years and 17 years below the minimum school leaving age are legally required to attend school. All students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 and until they turn 17, students must be:

1. in school, or registered for home schooling, or
2. in approved education or training (eg TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship) or
3. in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours/week) or
4. in a combination of work, education and/or training.

At the start of a new year it is often useful to ensure that students and parents have an understanding of the protocols associated with school attendance. The following below outlines the important information to assist us to best work in partnership in this area:

- If a student is absent from the College a note/medical certificate must be provided to the Class/Roll call teacher/Front office to verify the absence.
- If a note is not received explaining the absence, this will remain as an unexplained absence until this is provided.
- Initially this will be followed up by the students Class/ Roll Call teacher. If your child is absent from the College please assist us by returning a note promptly following their return. Year Patrons and Pastoral Co-ordinators will follow-up on unexplained absences if verification has not been provided to Class/Roll Call teachers.
- Students who arrive late to the College either for Period 1 or Roll Call must supply a note from a parent/guardian explaining the reason for the lateness. On such occasions where a note is not received it will remain as an Unexplained Absence until such documentation is provided to verify it. Parents who accompany students to the office and sign them in, in such circumstances will negate the need to complete the above process.

The College diary will be the primary method through which staff will initially communicate concerns regarding unexplained absences. A letter may be sent home listing unexplained absences that have not been accounted for. Please complete this when it is sent and return to the Class/Roll Teacher or the Front Office promptly. There is a section in the student diary that may be copied and used as a template for information about students who have been absent to verify the nature of the absence. Please make a copy of this and use it to assist in our processes of monitoring attendance.

**Uniform**

It is expected that all students wear their uniform correctly and with pride. Pride in belonging which is an important part of our core values here at the College is demonstrated through the way in which we present ourselves. The College community should familiarise themselves with the uniform guidelines and ensure that they are meeting these in all aspects of their presentation.

From time to time students will step outside of these expectations and will receive uniform infringements. There is a dedicated section of the student diary that provides parents with the details on the nature of the infringement. I would encourage all parents to check their child’s diary on a regular basis to see how they are progressing with regards to their uniform. Staff will also communicate with parents regarding matters of uniform through the diary and in matters that require further action through the use of letters/phone calls or email. Please assist and support us in this very important area so that Pride in Belonging is clearly evident through the way our students wear their uniforms.

**Mr Liam Toland**

**Director of Pastoral Care T-12**
Musical rehearsals began this week. Students had the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the storyline of the show (*State Fair*) and begin learning one of the big show numbers. Students who would still like to participate in the musical (but as yet haven't attended auditions) are able to attend rehearsals on Monday, 11 February.

We expect all cast to attend every rehearsal and show. All students who are in attendance on Monday, 11 February will be part of the show. Should your child fall ill, please contact Mrs Talbot via email by 1.00 pm on that day ([s.talbot@wac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:s.talbot@wac.nsw.edu.au)).

A schedule of rehearsal and show times was given to students at our first rehearsal. Any student who has not yet received one will be given one at the Monday, 11 February rehearsal. It is also available on MOODLE. It is our intention to publish which scenes will be rehearsed each week for secondary students on MOODLE. This is so that students can be prepared with lines and songs so that we can maximise the rehearsal time.

All students who participate in rehearsals and shows will be charged a $50.00 fee. This will be added onto school fees.

Primary students will rehearse from straight after school until 4.15 pm. Secondary students will rehearse until 5.45 pm.

Please ensure that your child comes prepared with a healthy afternoon tea and water to drink. Also, several of the students participating in the musical have food allergies. Please prepare food which is nut-free, does not require heating and is mindful of the normal College healthy eating policy. We recommend fruit.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Secondary Teacher (English, HSIE, Drama)

**SET DESIGN FOR COLLEGE MUSICAL - “STATE FAIR”**

Come along and get creative!

When: Every Monday after school until 5.45 pm
Where: Visual Arts Room (M3)
Who: Any interested Senior School Students (Years 7 - 11)

Mrs Clarissa Sutherland
Secondary Teacher (Art)

**BAND NEWS!**

The start of a new College year means the start of a new year for the College Band. If 2012 was anything to go by, then 2013 promises to be bigger and better. New music, new performances and hopefully new members.

College Band Members are reminded that Band practice is on Tuesday afternoons (different to last year) with a performance at the Steam Festival lurking in March. Please ensure you are at rehearsals, if you were in the Band last year (2012), unless you have already approached Mr Grant last year.

New College students (Years 7 - 12) who play a band instrument (ie Woodwind, Brass or Percussion) are welcome and encouraged to join the College Band who rehearse Tuesday afternoons (2.45 pm to 4.15 pm). Please see Mr Grant or Mr Denley if you are interested.

Mr Lloyd Grant
Secondary Teacher (Music)
A.S.K (WAC’s HOMEWORK CLUB)

Do you want to set some new goals for your learning for 2013?
Do you need some extra help with homework or revision?

We would love to offer you some support through our homework club here at WAC.

Who for: Any students from Years 7-12
When: Wednesday afternoons 3.00 - 4.30 pm (commencing Week 4, 20 February)
Where: Flynn IRC
What to bring: Homework, tasks, puzzling questions, necessary equipment and a positive attitude!
Contact: Mr Gregory, Mrs Madden, Mr Shellshear or Mrs Poole (School Office ph. 4684 2577)

Important - Remember to bring some afternoon tea as hunger does NOT promote positive learning.

“Any fool can know. The point is to understand.”
— Albert Einstein

Mrs Emily Madden
Secondary Teacher (Maths)

MATHS CLUB 2013

For anyone from Years 3 - 6 who loves Maths or wants to learn more about it, then this is the place for you! Every Monday at lunch 2, we are going to see how fun Maths is! There will be fun websites and games! Do you want to know more?

I will pick up Years 3 and 4 from their playground and Year 5 and 6 can meet me at the door of Banks 5 IT lab at the start of lunch 2.

Mr Darren Wayne
Primary Teacher
Maths Club Co-ordinator

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2013 – SUNDAY, 3 MARCH 2013

Clean Up Australia Day is a simple way you can take action to clean up, fix up and conserve our unique and prized Australian environment.

In 2012 an estimated 591,400 volunteers cleaned up 16,169 tonnes at 7,363 sites right across Australia. It is a fantastic initiative.

I would like to invite you to join me in participating in Clean Up Australia Day 2013. I am organising for a group from the College to join a clean-up site in Bargo (Tylers Road) which runs from 9.30 am to 11.30 am on Sunday, 3 March 2013.

Unfortunately the timing is such that it occurs on the same day as the Thirlmere Steam Festival. Nevertheless it is hoped that we, as a College community, can support both of these great initiatives.

Each person who participates needs to sign up via the Internet. To do so go to: http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/join/ and type ‘Bargo’ in the ‘Search by Location’ field and then join the Tylers Road site.

Last year we were a team of approximately 15 and we, with some local residents, picked up two skips in rubbish. I really hope we can do even better than that this year.
Please email me with any questions: j.hart@wac.nsw.edu.au

Mr Jay Hart
Secondary Teacher (HSIE)
PRIMARY SPORT

Welcome to another sporting year. I trust that you had a wonderful break with family and friends.

Swimming notes for the annual swimming carnival on Thursday, 21 February have been handed out to all of the children in Years 3 to 6. Please return this permission note along with the events your child wishes to participate in before Monday. If you are also able to assist on the day with timekeeping, please also indicate on the note.

Yesterday we had our trials for the IPSSO summer competition. This year the summer sports are: mixed basketball, mixed oz tag, boys cricket and girls soccer. The winter sports are: mixed volleyball/newcombe ball, mixed AFL, boys soccer, girls netball and these trials will take place at the beginning of Term 2.

This year there have been some changes with the Years 3 and 4 competition. This year the junior teams are focused on developing the skills and less on competing. Priority will be given to Year 4 children when selecting the junior team to encourage all children, sometime during their primary years, to have an opportunity to be part of an interschool sporting team experience. This new process is being introduced by all of the schools in the IPSSO competition.

During the year, there will be opportunities for parents to assist the staff/coaches in training various sporting teams and individual events. Some of the opportunities include: IPSSO teams (summer and/or winter), rugby league, athletics and AFL. The IPSSO teams train and play on Wednesday afternoons from 11.55 am. The other sports train during lunch times and this year some after school opportunities will be made available. If you would like to assist in any of these areas, please email me your expression of interest.

Mr Stuart McIntosh
Primary Sports Co-ordinator

SECONDARY SPORT

What a great start to Tuesday sport. Most students found their respective groups excellently (even the new study groups).

Students were able to try out for six different MISA teams and those teams are now up on the sports notice board. Thank you to all those students who tried out and congratulations to those who made it.

I will put an article in next week regarding student expectations now we have moved to a new sports organisation (NASSA).

We play Macarthur Anglican College next week.
Touch (boys & girls) – Kayess Park, Minto
Basketball (boys & girls) – Minto basketball stadium
Volleyball – either MAS or WAC

Upcoming dates:
WAC swimming carnival 22/2, Picton leisure centre
NASSA secondary touch 25/5, Dalton park Wollongong
NASSA Secondary Swimming carnival 6/3, SOPAC Homebush

Mr Richard Madden
Secondary Sports Co-ordinator
The excitement is building as once again we are getting closer to our annual week at Port Hacking with Year 7. Clearly one of the highlights of the year for myself and usually a time that most students put down as one of their greatest school memories.

Students will take to the bay for some Dragon Boat racing.

Hint: Try to get in Mrs Rockwell's boat as I am yet to be beaten! Mr Madden, Mr Hart and Mr Goldsborough are still licking their wounds! Bring it on Mr Cassidy I think you may be the next to fall.

Also some Sailing, Swimming, Fishing and Water-sliding help to pass away the days as we all get to know each other better and develop our team building in a number of situations.

'Newies' and 'Oldies' are already blending beautifully and camp enhances this process as we build lifelong friendships through fun!

Please parents and students be aware that we have decided to ban all home packed or bought snacks. (Parents shouldn't be surprised that the occasional red frog and chocolate bar could affect sleeping patterns and Mrs Rockwell doesn't function well without sleep). The camp provides ample snacks and meals and we would appreciate parental support with this. Anyway giddy up and bring it on!

Mrs Lisa Rockwell
Middle School Pastoral Care

YOUTH OF THE YEAR COMPETITIONS

Some of our talented students extended themselves in 2012 by becoming involved in the MISA and Lions Youth of the Year competitions. Their motivation and hard work was acknowledged and highly praised in both competitions.

On Wednesday, 12 December, when most students were thinking of their holidays, Harvey Saxton, Briony Roelandts and Hayden Wood represented the College in the local Lions Youth of the Year competition. Hayden followed up on his earlier success as MISA Youth of the Year by achieving first place in this competition as well. Harvey and Briony were also highly praised for the speeches they presented and the admirable way they coped with the interview process. All three students demonstrated knowledge of important issues in their local area along with great leadership potential.

Mrs Wendy Croger
English Co-ordinator

AUTHOR VISIT

Crime fiction author B Michael Radburn (author of The Crossing and Blackwater Moon) will be visiting our HSC Extension 1 English class on Tuesday, 12 February to assist students with developing their own crime fiction stories for their HSC course. We feel very blessed that he is prepared to share his knowledge, time and expertise with us.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Secondary Teacher (English, HSIE, Drama)
PRIMARY MATTERS

Homework Club Years 4-6

When: Every Wednesday starting 13 February from 2.50 pm - 4.00 pm
Where: Upstairs in the Elizabeth Building
Who for: Years 4 - 6 students
Teachers: Mrs Vidler, Mrs Turner, Mrs Keen and Ms Huxtable.
What to bring: Students should bring afternoon tea and work to do.
Registration: Students will need to be registered to attend. To register send me an email.
(j.huxtable@wac.nsw.edu.au) Please provide child’s name/s, class and outline how the student will be getting home.

Once registered, it will be assumed that the student will be attending each week, (you do not need to register every week). If a student is unable to attend one week they should let one of the HW club teachers know so that we do not look for them in the afternoon.

General Information:
We will be limiting the group to 30 students. Students can ask for help from the teachers who are on for that week. Class teachers will be able to give students extra homework to do at this time if needed. So this is an opportunity for students who may need some extra practice in a particular area to do some extra work with a teacher there to help.

Here is our Friday assembly timetable for 2013. Please note, I cannot predict the future with any certainty, so there may at times be changes.

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Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Director of Teacher and Learning T - 6
Welcome from the Junior Pastoral Coordinator

Beginnings are important, there is only one first day and whilst many children have begun their educational journeys within an Early Childhood setting such as our Transition program here at Wollondilly, the first day of Kindergarten remains an exciting and equally scary rite of passage for children and a prominent milestone for parents. Welcome, to not only those children entering Kindergarten but to all of those Students who are experiencing their first beginnings at Wollondilly Anglican College. We look forward to getting to know you and your family.

Make it a point to get to know your child's teacher and the school. Ask about current and upcoming activities, and plan to attend parent-teacher conferences. Research shows that when parents attend school events, their children are more likely to achieve academic success. Simply showing up for open houses, conferences, performances, and back-to-school nights sends a powerful message to your child.

If you can, volunteer to help in the classroom and get involved with the parent-teacher organisation. If you can't get away from work, ask about other ways you can help.

Please feel free to discuss any areas of concern with your classroom teacher with the areas of social, emotional or behavioural needs. If you would like more information on any of these areas after firstly speaking with your child’s teacher please feel free to contact me via the office or email me at k.keen@wac.nsw.edu.au.

Junior SRC

It is that time of the term when students from Years 3 and 4 can nominate themselves to be a member of the Junior Student Representative Council. The students are elected by their fellow class mates to be a part of the SRC for one term. Once a student has served a term on the SRC they step down and allow another representative from their class to have the opportunity to be a member of the SRC. A form for those students interested in being on the SRC was sent home on Friday, 1 February to be returned by yesterday Wednesday, 6 February. Voting will take place by the end of this week. I look forward to introducing our Junior SRC members to you in the Waratah Weekly over the coming weeks.

Years 3 and 4 welcome their dedicated play area.

Years 3 and 4 are delighted to have learnt that they have a dedicated area of the playground that belongs just to them. The students have been given a blank canvas for which they have been invited to take place in a ‘design your own playground" competition. To allow the students to get a feel for the types of activities and design needed to make this space great, they will be getting to know the area first. Details of the competition will be given in which the students will be competing for a chance to sit with the College architect to make their ideas become a reality. There is a definite buzz of excitement amongst the students.

T-4 Information Evening

It was fantastic to see so many parents on Tuesday Evening. The teachers were able to discuss with the parents of their students the expectations that will be met within the classroom environment. Our Collegial spirit was in fine form as the College community mixed and socialised establishing the basis for workable relationships.

Dr Quarmby wholeheartedly welcomed our parents to the beginning of a year that promises to be filled with new experiences, gains within our students learning all within a safe environment.

Ms Huxtable, spoke of her role within the College and welcomed open communication between parents and herself within regards to students teaching and learning.
Mr Croger reminded us of the "lead by example approach" our students show with pride in belonging at the College.

Mr Toland asked that we are mindful when packing school lunches that we are a "nut aware" College and to assist us with the safety of our students and to set an example of using the crossing and parking areas of the College correctly.

The Primary College Captains Lawson Eva and Rylea Keen spoke of the changes at the College and the activities in which students can get involved and their memories of their time in the junior classes over the past eight years.

Mrs Keen spoke of her role in overseeing the social, emotional and behavioural needs of all students in Years T-4 which will encourage them to continue to reach new personal bests. The College may not always get it right. However we work in partnership with parents, children, teachers and the heads of the school to ensure our students best interests are at the forefront of our endeavours.

Throughout the evening there was a common theme which was "communication". Please take the time to speak with and create a relationship with your Child’s teacher. Discuss with them any areas of concern that you have. Your child will be the beneficiary.

Wollondilly Anglican College has been blessed with an outstanding calibre of Teaching Staff. They are dedicated to ensuring your child receives the best that they can give.

We look forward to a year of working in partnership with you and your children.

Krystine Keen
Junior School Coordinator

PRIMARY DEBATING

On Thursday this week Stage 3 students will have the opportunity to audition for the Primary Debating Teams. Students will have to prepare an Impromptu speech for the audition. Students are auditioning for a place on one of the two teams for the HICES debating competition. Each team consists of four members.

Auditions will take place this Thursday during lunch, in Mr Matthews’ room. The judges will be Ms Huxtable and Mr Matthews. The successful students will receive a note on Friday notifying parents of their child’s success, as well as giving their child permission to attend debating workshops on Tuesday afternoons from 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm, commencing next Tuesday, 12 February. If your child is successful they do need to be aware of the commitment required for debating, as competitions are held after school at various Colleges in the area.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of primary debating.

Mr Matthews and Ms Huxtable
Primary Debating Co-ordinators

STUDENT BANKING

Just a reminder that banking is on Tuesdays, please bring your banking books to the Office first thing Tuesday morning. Transition students can give banking books to Mrs Ferris.

If you would like to join the program, it is never too late. Please collect information at the College Office. Happy saving!

Volunteer Needed: If you are able to help out for a couple of hours every Tuesday morning, we would love some extra help with banking (training will be provided). Please see Mrs Cook in the office if you are interested

Mrs Deborah Cook and Mrs Julie Wills
Banking Co-ordinators
The Clothing Pool will be open on Tuesday mornings from 8.00 am until 9.00 am and Wednesday afternoons 3.00 pm until 4.00 pm. The Clothing Pool is located in Gumnut.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please be advised that we have a suspected case of head lice at the College.

Please check your child’s hair and if head lice are evident, treat immediately. Treatment preparations are available at any Chemist or supermarket. It would help if you could let your class teacher know as soon as possible if your child is affected, to assist with monitoring this situation.
Wollondilly Anglican College Centre for Lifelong Learning Willy the Wise Needs You!

2013 – Term 1 HURRY, TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

If you would like to undertake one of the following courses, please contact Rhonda Hay at the office as soon as possible.

- Introduction to Computing
- Computers the Next Step
- Biblical Theology Course – (Ephesians)
- Introduction to Digital Photography

Short Courses:
- Introduction to Computer Accounting (MYOB) (Short course – three Saturdays)
- Creative Cookery Classes (Short course – one Saturday)

Courses will only run if there are sufficient numbers in classes. If running, evening classes will start on Monday, 18 February 2013.

Please phone Rhonda Hay at the College Office on 4684 2577.

Mrs Rhonda Hay
Lifelong Learning Facilitator

Welcome one and all to 2013!

- Your new Canteen Menu and Price List will be distributed in the Week 3 Waratah Weekly.
- Please be aware that the Canteen is not ala-carte and order only what is stated on the menu as we have limited assistance and do not have the labour or time to cater to individual tastes, however, if your child has a specific dietary need due to serious allergies and is wishing to purchase from the Canteen please come and see me to discuss options.
- New Stocks of Art Smocks are available and are now $20.00.
- New stocks of WAC Excursion Bags are available and are now $15.00.
- College swimwear is required if your child is going on to represent WAC in further competition and is available to purchase from the Canteen.

Canteen Roster:

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If you would like to join the F.L.O.W.E.R.S. team of wonderful helpers please download a volunteer form from the College website or come to the Canteen and pick one up in person. More volunteers would be very much appreciated.

We look forward to serving the College community!

Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy!

Mrs Carolyn Richards
Canteen Supervisor
A DECADE OF REFLECTIONS” - WE WANT YOUR MEMORIES…

As part of our Ten Year Celebrations we will be creating and publishing “A Decade of Reflections”- a book of memories from our first 10 years of College life. We would love our parent, student and staff community to contribute to this production.

If you have any photos or memories from throughout the years that you feel could be included please email them to reflections@wac.nsw.edu.au All items need to be sent by the end of Term 1 (12 April) and will be considered for inclusion in this commemorative publication by the 10 Year Committee.

“A Decade of Reflections” will be launched at the 10 Year Dinner and will be available for purchase after the evening.

Lucy Gregory
Support Teacher
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From time to time, families undergo trauma such as severe or terminal illness. There are **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 continue to contact Mrs Hay or Mr Shaw at the College, to assist. Confidentiality will be respected when requested.

**International Women’s Day** - Friday, 8 March. You are invited to celebrate with us, including guest speakers, pampering, breakfast and other activities. Breakfast from 7.30 am - 10.30 am. Tahmoor Community Centre, 6 Harper Close Tahmoor, Booking Essential, RSVP Friday, 1 March, contact Susan 4683 2776 (Community Links Wollondilly.)

**Carefree Singers** - A great local cultural group including performances and good fun! Commences Friday, 8 February. If you're interested to join contact Susan Mayer: 46832 776. (Community Links Wollondilly.)

**Catholiccare Workshops** - Workshops on parenting, children and bullying and relationships. For bookings ph: Campbelltown: 4628 0044, Wollongong: 4227 1122.

**WEP Student Exchange** - is now accepting applications for students to live overseas in 2013/14. Find out more ph:1300 884 733 or visit www.wep.org.au.

**Student Exchange ANZ** - Free family information session for our students and scholarships. Live online information session on Thursday, 21 February, session starts 7.30 pm (EDT).

**Saverplus** - assisting families to learn money skills to save for education costs. To find out more contact Liz Tinney, Saver Plus Worker at The Benevolent Society, ph: 46 33 3722 or 0407 310 205.

**Tahmoor Uniting Community Garden and Training Course** - Free training course commencing 7 February. Thursdays 10.00 am - 2.30pm contact George: 0425 264 569 or Liz: 0427 401 140.

**Macarthur District Soccer Football Association** - Soccer for both male and female, age groups from under 6 to all age and over 35’s (male). Contact ph: 4625 1333 web: www.macarthursoccer.com.au.

**Camden United Phsie & Dance** - Dance, fitness, fun and friendship. Register and 1st Class at Elderslie High School Camden - 7 February. Contact Joanne: 0405 500 037, Brooke: 0416 720 784.

**Girl Guides** - When; Wednesdays, 5.30 pm - 7.30pm at Youth and Community Space, Harper Street, Tahmoor. Contact Julie Weeks, ph: 0487 785 765.

**Picton Tennis Club** is hosting a NSW Seniors Tournament in Picton from 17 - 19 May 2013. For information please contact Alison Radford on mobile: 0412 308 381 or email: admin@pictontennis.com.au.

**Berrima Rally** - Berrima Rally at Bong Bong Racecourse Bowral, 9 February celebrating the Sesquicentenary for Bowral and Moss Vale. For information contact Pauline McFetridge, mobile 0412 819 848 or email: paulinemcfetridge@gmail.com

**Wollondilly Redbacks Junior AFL Club** - 2013 Player Registrations. Ages; under 9’s, under 10’s, under 12’s and under 14’s. Also AFL Clinic for aged 4 and up. Contact David on 0408 492 144 or email redbacksafl@gmail.com.

**Wollondilly Anglican Community Church (WACC) meets in the Clifford Warne Auditorium every Sunday at 9.00 am.** - Meets in the Clifford Warne Auditorium every Sunday at 9 am. **Acts 11:14 He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'** This year we are running The Alpha Course for anybody who is new to Christian faith to curious about it. We will also run The Marriage Course for, well, married people. Feel free to contact us for more information. Rev. Robert Meischke 0437 533 106.

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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.
HEADMASTERLY HAPPENINGS

February

Thursday, 7  
Student enrolments for 2014

Friday, 8  
Captains Lunch
Uniform suppliers meeting
Student enrolments for 2014

Monday, 11  
AIS future leaders program: Visit from school leader to shadow the Headmaster
Meeting with Chairman
Student enrolments for 2014

Tuesday, 12  
Student enrolments for 2014
(Evening) Year 5 – 7 Information Night

Wednesday, 13  
Student enrolments for 2014
College Executive Meeting
(Evening) College Council meeting

Thursday, 14  
Student enrolments for 2014
Visit from General Manager – Wesley Institute
Visit to Year 7 camp (afternoon - evening)

Friday, 15  
Student enrolments for 2014
Meeting with Student Learning Consultant

Sunday, 17  
Heads of Independent Coeducational Schools meeting at International Grammar

Monday, 18  
HICES meeting at International Grammar continues
(Evening) Life-long Learning semester 1 commences at WAC

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES AT THE COLLEGE - JOIN THE P&F

The College P&F are an amazing group of parents who generously give their time and energy to support the College community. The association thrives on new people and new ideas.

In March each year, a new Executive Committee is elected and the P&F program for the year is finalised. In preparation, we invite interested parents to express their interest to be involved with the work of the P&F. This could be in an Executive capacity or as one of the many contributors in a variety of roles. If you would like to play an important role in serving the students at the College, please contact me this year by email at j.shaw@wac.nsw.edu.au (Phone: 4623 0203)
Pretend Headmaster and Tigers first grade winger, Matt Utai, taking time out to think about a big and exciting year for both the West Tigers and the College.

**Prayer Points.**

**Thank God**

- For a settled start to the College year
- For the stunning enrolment growth at the College
- For the efforts of Sean and the team at Taverner Landscapes during the holidays and for safety on the site

**Ask God**

- For His continued blessing during 2013 and into the future
- That He will be there with new staff as they adjust to the pace of the College
- That He will settle the early nerves of over 100 new faces and that they will quickly feel part of the “family” here at WAC

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

*Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.*