From the Foundation Headmaster, Dr Stuart Quarmby

As an Athiest, I truly believe Africa needs God.

… so said Matthew Paris, former The Times parliamentary sketch writer and British conservative MP, on 27 December 2008. Missionaries, not aid money, are the solution.

Here is an extract of Matthew’s story -

I returned, after 45 years, to the country that as a boy I knew as Nyasaland. Today it’s Malawi, and The Times Christmas Appeal includes a small British charity working there. Pump Aid helps rural communities to install a simple pump, letting people keep their village wells sealed and clean. I went to see this work. It inspired me. But travelling in Malawi refreshed another belief, too: one I’ve been trying to banish all my life since my African childhood. It confounds my ideological beliefs, stubbornly refuses to fit my world view, and has embarrassed my growing belief that there is no God.

Now a confirmed atheist, I’ve become convinced of the enormous contribution that Christian evangelism makes in Africa: sharply distinct from the work of secular NGOs, government projects and international aid efforts. These alone will not do. Education and training alone will not do. In Africa, Christianity changes people’s hearts. It brings a spiritual transformation. The rebirth is real. The change is good. I used to avoid this truth by applauding the practical work of mission churches in Africa. It’s a pity, I would say, that salvation is part of the package, but Christians black and white, working in Africa, do heal the sick, do teach people to read and write; and only the severest kind of secularist could see a mission hospital or school and say the world would be better without it. I would allow that if faith was needed to motivate missionaries to help, then, fine: but what counted was the help, not the faith. But this doesn’t fit the facts. Faith does more than support the missionary; it is also transferred to his flock. This is the effect that matters so immensely.

There’s long been a fashion among Western academic sociologists for placing tribal value systems within a ring fence, beyond critiques founded in our own culture: “theirs” and therefore best for “them”; authentic and of intrinsically equal worth to ours. I don’t follow this. I observe that tribal belief is no more peaceable than ours; and that it suppresses individuality. Anxiety-fear of evil spirits, of ancestors, of nature and the wild, of a tribal hierarchy, of quite everyday things-strikes deep into the whole structure of rural African thought. Every man has his place and, call it fear or respect, a great weight grinds down the individual spirit, stunting curiosity.

Christianity, with its teaching of a direct, personal, two-way link between the individual and God, unmediated by the collective, and not subordinate to any other human being, smashes straight through this philosophical / spiritual framework. That is why and how it liberates. Removing Christian evangelism from the African equation may leave the continent at the mercy of a malign fusion of Nike, the witch doctor, the mobile phone and the machete.

Roslyn and I have not been to Africa. We will travel to a remote area on the border of Swaziland. It is not the safest place on Earth. Selby is the Headmaster of our link school. Whilst we concern ourselves in Australia with a disputed detention, Selby concerns himself with driving along winding mountain roads in a search to find his little girls who are abducted on the way to school. Some are never found. Please pray for Africa. Roslyn and I pray that our very short time there will be helpful. But mostly pray for the real heroes like Alan and Helen Wood who give up a first world lifestyle to willingly wake up to the sounds of the jungle every day.

Pray for the missionaries: Even atheists notice the difference they make.
ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

Interviews are well underway for students applying for entry into Secondary Years in 2014. It is important that parents wishing students to be enrolled in Transition to Year 12 fill in the Application for Enrolment as soon as possible. If you are aware of friends wishing to receive application information, please inform them as positions, particularly for Year 7 are filling quickly and places are limited. Primary interviews for Years Kindergarten - Year 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

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

The College P&F is 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.

On Monday, 11 March at the AGM, we have guest speaker Mrs Amanda Rollason to introduce the gardening club. Amanda works in the research area of the Australian Botanic Garden and her expertise is in propagation. Then the new Executive Committee is elected and the P&F program for the year is finalised. In preparation, we invite interested parents and friends 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 co-ordinators or teams. If you would like to play an important role in serving the students at the College, please contact the Office or by email at pandfpresident@wac.nsw.edu.au (Phone: 4623 0203) The vacant roles are:

Exec positions:
Vice President

Coordinator positions:
Merchandise
Country Fair
Fun Run
Sponsorship
Business Directory

Mrs Danielle Turner
President of the P&F
FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

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 and Year 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 students will have received their Assessment Handbooks which outline 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.

Parent Portal – Access to Student and College Information
The Parent Portal allows parents to login to the school administration system, Edumate, and retrieve information regarding their child’s progress, their reports, attendance, calendar information as well allow parents to update their contact details and their child’s medical details.

It is essential that your children do not have access to your log in and password data. This level of access is for parents only. We are endeavouring to provide Secondary students with their own password so that they can access their progress.

For information on how to access and use the Parent Portal, you can use the link below to the College website. http://www.wac.nsw.edu.au/godaddy/index.php

Click on the ‘Staff & Students’ button on the website. Locate the PDF file with the instructions.

Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Program 2013
The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award is operating at Wollondilly Anglican College and some students in Year 8 and Year 9 (aged 14 or older) may wish to join the program. This is an optional activity. The award is a youth self-development program for all young people. It is non-competitive and encourages young people to set and achieve goals at a level appropriate to their needs. There are four sections that must be completed for a young person to qualify for an award:

Community Service, Skills, Recreation and Expedition.

These provide an opportunity for students to acquire and develop skills, initiative and self esteem which will help them become more confident members of the community. The scheme is highly regarded by many employers.

The scheme has three award levels – Bronze, Silver and Gold. To obtain the Bronze award, students must complete the following sections:

1. Service: Voluntary community service spread over three months.
2. Expedition: Complete training and a practice trip and then an expedition with overnight camping.

3. Skills: Over a three month period, cultural or social activity must be pursued leading to a deeper knowledge of the subject and the attainment of a reasonable degree of skill, eg: playing a musical instrument.

4. Physical Recreation: Participation in one physical activity for a minimum three months, resulting in some improvement in that activity.

5. All participants must do an extra three months in either, Skill, Physical Recreation or Service.

The initial cost of the program is $100.00 (including GST), which pays for insurance and the record book.

I hope your son/daughter will take advantage of this opportunity to join the scheme. If you have any questions, please ring me at the College on 02 4684 2577.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH’S AWARD EXPEDITION PLANNING 2013

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Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster
Captains’ Lunch
On Friday, 8 February the new captains of the various areas of the College met with Dr Quarmby and myself for the annual Captains’ Lunch. This was a great time to discuss with these students the type of leadership approach which is important to have at the College. The College is fortunate to have such a wonderful group of young people who will take on these roles in 2013. We pray for them at the start of this year that they will take up this challenge and model service to all students here at the College.

College Captains 2013 – Ashleigh Smith and Axel Friedrich
Senior Captains 2013 – Laura Fleming and Samuel Gardiner
Middle School Captains 2013 – Emily Baker and Jye Green
Primary Captains 2013 – Rylea Keen and Lawson Eva

SRC
The College Years 3 to Year 12 SRC met this week for the first time this year. After a very productive and successful 2012 another exciting year is ahead. The SRC are given a brief at the start of each year to think about the Community, College and issues within their immediate year group. Meetings provide a forum in which representatives can raise ideas for discussion, suggest initiatives and endeavour to raise funds/awareness of significant global/national/local charities. I would like to congratulate the students who were successful in gaining a place on the SRC this year and commend all those who stepped up and nominated but many missed out on this occasion.

Spotlight on the Merit System
The College Merit System is designed to recognise student achievement across a number of areas. To assist parents to further understand the system a series of newsletter articles will provide further information on this area of the College Pastoral program.

This week’s focus will be on the area of Community Service. Building a strong sense of community has an important place here at the College. An emphasis on the importance of involvement in Community Service assists our students learn that service of others within our immediate community and beyond is of significant value.

The College likes to acknowledge the community service of students by issuing a merit card for participating in events such as Working Bees, Term Services, the Thirlmere Steam Festival and ANZAC Day marches. If a student receives four merit cards in this area, they are issued with a Green Award. Students who receive a further four awards will receive a College White Award. Both of these awards recognise that the student has demonstrated a high level of commitment to service. Green Awards are presented to the student at weekly assemblies and White Awards are presented during the Formal Assemblies that occur at the end of the Term.

Mr Liam Toland
Director of Pastoral Care T-12
NEWS FROM THE INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRES

It has been a very busy start to the College year. To assist with understanding, I have listed where we are up to in general.

**Secondary Students:** All students in secondary, Years 7 - 10 have received their textbooks. If there are any issues or books become lost, please let me know as soon as possible. Secondary students may borrow books from the IRCs for reading, during morning Wednesday roll call. Textbooks which were not returned last year are now considered lost and billed to the student.

**Transition students:** Borrow one book.

**Primary students:** Have begun borrowing their library books. Students in the junior years (up to Year 2) may borrow two library books and two home readers at any one time. Home readers can be changed everyday. Library books are generally changed every week. Students in Years 3 - 6 may borrow up to six books. They have an allocated period every week to change and borrow books. They may also have home readers as well. Students in Years 3 - 5 have been allocated a musical instrument through the library system. If this needs to be returned at any time, please do so at the library.

Some students still have overdues from last year. Notes will go home this week as reminders. If these books cannot be found or are lost, please let me know.

**Premier's Reading Challenge:** Those students who completed the challenge last year will receive their certificates during appropriate assemblies over the next couple of weeks. Gold or platinum awards will be handed out at Formal Assembly at the end of term.

**Fathers and Literacy Day:** An early reminder to save the date - Tuesday, 12 March for students Transition - Year 4. Grandfathers and fathers of students in these years are welcome to celebrate literacy with us on this special morning. Details to follow.

**Scholastic Orders:** First bookclub for the year. Orders are due back at the College office by next Thursday, 21 February.

Live a life well read.

Mrs Saint-John
IRC Coordinator

SET DESIGN FOR COLLEGE MUSICAL - “STATE FAIR”

Come along and get creative!

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

Mrs Clarissa Sutherland
Secondary Teacher (Art)
**DANCE STUDIES**

On Thursday, 7 February, Year 11 Dance studies students attended a Preliminary/HSC Dance workshop and a DEC performance showcase entitled "Callback". The workshop was hosted by the highly accredited Kim Peade, who is renowned for his contributions to the NSW Dance Studies course. Students were able to participate in practical dance tasks that explored generating movement ideas through improvisation and development and manipulation of motifs. Our students received special praise for their outstanding performances throughout the workshop.

In the evening, students viewed the highest scoring works of the 2012 HSC Dance composition and performance major and core studies. The showcase gave students insight into the standard and creativity of other dance students throughout NSW and has motivated them to work even harder over the coming senior years. Students thoroughly enjoyed the excursion and represented the College with pride.

**Miss Samara Bugden**  
Secondary Teacher (Dance)

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**AUTHOR VISIT**

Mr B Michael Radford visited the College on Tuesday, 12 February to talk to Extension 1 English students about crime fiction writing. His words of wisdom and encouragement were greatly appreciated, as was the gift of his time in preparation and presenting. Mr B Michael Radford has been writing for many years, with his recent novels, *The Crossing* and *Blackwater Moon* receiving high praise.

Mr Radford has delivered many creative writing workshops to large groups of students before and was pleased to be able to work closely with each of the individuals in our small class. Our students were able to work with Mr Radford on their own crime fiction composition pieces and to reflect on the process of creative composition.

This was a valuable experience for all.

**Mrs Sarah Talbot**  
Secondary Teacher (English, HSIE, Drama)
CAREERS’ CORNER

Year 12 students attended the Wollongong University Discovery Day last Tuesday. Students had the opportunity to view the various faculties in action. Students participated in a number of activities throughout the day including sport science, engineering, teaching and drama to name a few. They experienced what University life is like and they were able to talk to students and lecturers throughout the day. The day is a fabulous start to their career seeking and post College goals. A great day was had by all.

Mr Michael Cassidy
Secondary Teacher
Careers Co-ordinator

NEW STAFF PROFILE - MRS CHRISTINE MOZEJKO

Position: College Development Manager
Place of Birth: Camden
Qualifications: Master of Education (leadership), Bachelor of Arts/Education (English and History) and Certificate IV in Management
Favourite Food: Prawns
Favourite Modern Band: Francesca Battistelli
Favourite Book: Anything written by Liz Byrski
Interests: My 10 month old baby boy “Piri”, international travel, bushwalking and swimming.

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)
SECONDARY SPORT

I need to make an apology and amend the swimming carnival note. When we were a part of SASSA we sent the first two swimmers from each event to SASSA. At NASSA we only send the first place for each race apart from the 50m freestyle where we send the top two.

With our inclusion into NASSA sports organisation, it is imperative that if your child is selected to represent WAC at NASSA or NASSA at AICES then they make themselves available for those events, and dress accordingly.

This week we played Macarthur Anglican School in the MISA Competition, the boys Oztag won 5-2 and the girls lost 7-0 at basketball the boys had a 6-6 draw and the girls went down 21-6. Some practice throughout this week will hopefully see both teams get up next week.

We play John Therry next week.
Touch (boys & girls) – Kayess Park, Minto
Basketball (boys & girls) – Minto basketball stadium
Volleyball – WAC

**Friday, 22 February is the Secondary Swimming Carnival (Picton Leisure Centre).**

**Important information follows:** Competitors in the 200 m Freestyle and 200 m individual medleys must be at the pool by 8.00 am sharp. Competitors wishing to warm up for these events may swim from 7:45 am onwards.

College provided buses will leave the College at 8.10 am for transport to Picton Leisure Centre. Buses will also return students to the College in time for afternoon buses. The Carnival will officially open at 8.30 am.

Students must wear their coloured House polo shirts, College cap, black College shorts, white socks (calf length) and predominantly white sneakers (no thongs).
Bikinis are not permitted.

The Swimming Carnival is an important part of the College calendar and, as such, students are expected to attend and participate.

Parents are very welcome on the day, if for no other reason than to cheer and support the Competitors. If so inclined, we would welcome assistance with setup, pack up, timing and judging.

A notice will be posted on the front page of the WAC website (www.wac.nsw.edu.au) should wet weather necessitate the cancellation of the event.

Please make sure your child has returned their Carnival note. It provides important information to the College about transport and swimming ability. It is due to roll call teachers by Friday, 15 February so please bring it tomorrow.

**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

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**PRIMARY MATTERS**

As there was an incorrect date in our Friday assembly timetable for 2013 in last week’s Waratah Weekly, see new revised timetable below. Please note, I cannot predict the future with any certainty, so there may at times be changes. Assembly is held in the Warne Auditorium at 1.35 pm. Parents are more than welcome to attend and seats are available in the back rows.

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**Primary Homework Club**

Due to a very enthusiastic response, Homework Club times will now be 3.00 pm - 4.30 pm, however, students are able to leave after 4.00 pm if required. This will line up with the Secondary Homework Club.

**Ms Jacqui Huxtable**

Director of Teacher and Learning T-6
K-2 Merit System
For those of you familiar with our merit system you will notice a few changes this year in the approach we are taking with our younger students’ involvement in the merit system.

Within the area of teaching and learning, students will be awarded academic and effort merit cards in class as has been done in the past. The change for this year is that there will no longer be a tally recorded of academic and effort merit cards on the students’ report cards. Removing the tally will also see the ceasing of the levelled system of the green, white and black awards for academic and effort and achievement.

Research has shown that when students in the younger years are given immediate positive feedback for a “job” well done this elevates the growth of self-motivated intrinsic reinforcement within the student which is necessary for future goal setting and positive students learning outcomes. The students will continue to remain on the levelled merit system for community service commitments they attend. These come in the form of Working Bees, Anzac day and Thirlmere Steam Festival. These activities encourage our students right from the beginning to serve the community in which they are a part of with a joyful heart.

Junior SRC
It is with great pleasure I can announce to you that the Junior Student Representatives for Stage 2, Term 1 are:

Year 4 Faith: Jake Stanton and Ruby Fitzpatrick
Year 4 Hope: Fraser Eva and Georja Freeman
Year 3 Faith: Sam Jarvis and Brooke Webber
Year 3 Hope: Alexander Jefferys and Caitlyn Ollis

The members attended their first meeting on Monday of this week and by all accounts are feeling very positive with the direction the SRC is taking for the 2013 year.

Congratulations to all of you.

Mrs Krystine Keen
Pastoral Care Co-ordinator T-4

YEAR 3-6 MATHS CLUB
A record 42 students from Years 3 - 6 turned up ready for some mathematical challenges. It was awesome to see such keen students attempt the addition website game. The game played last Monday was Speed Grid Addition which proved a hit! The website is found at: http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/interactive/
or: Google: Woodlands addition games and scroll down to game. It’s on the third games line. There are three levels to attempt so everyone is catered for!

Maths club is on every Monday at lunch 2 in Banks 5.

Mr Darren Wayne
Primary Teacher
Maths Club Co-ordinator
JUNGLE NEWS FROM TEMBO AND TOTO

A huge welcome to all Transition families! We have had a fantastic start to the year. The students are settling well into the routines of Transition and every day is full of many fun activities and adventures. The students are learning their peers’ names and are beginning to meet the staff at the College too. We have been exploring the beach over our first couple of weeks.

I would like to thank all parents for their support as we all work together to help your child make a smooth transition into the College, particularly at morning drop off and afternoon pick up. If you pick your child up of an afternoon from under the sails, it is a great idea to wait in the same position every day so that your child can easily find you at dismissal. A note has been sent home this week about communicating afternoon arrangements. Please return this note as soon as possible if you have not yet communicated this information to me in writing.

A couple of additional reminders; please ensure ALL belongings are labelled clearly. There are also a few students who still need to bring in paint smocks. We strongly recommend that students have spare clothes packed in case of any accidents. Keeping this all in mind, please be conscious of the weight of your child’s bag. As the students are walking to and from their room each day, I am noticing some children are struggling with bags that are unnecessarily heavy.

The children are being encouraged to develop independence and organisation. For example, students are learning to un-zip and re-zip bags unassisted and they are practising packing their bags using problem solving skills. They are also responsible for putting their hats and lunch boxes in the appropriate places throughout the day. I would encourage you to give your child the opportunity to pack and unpack their own bag each day at home (with supervision) to assist the development of these organisation skills. Zipping a bag up can be a difficult fine motor skill for some children to master so practice is the key! Please also check that your child can open the containers and food packaging that you send in their lunch boxes. Some can be very difficult for little hands to open.

We have now begun borrowing books from the library. Tembo’s library day is Wednesday and Toto’s library day is Tuesday. Please return library books in the big red “Returns” box in Cook Cottage at morning drop off on your child’s library day. Library books provide you with a great opportunity to read at home with your child. This is very important for the development of early reading skills and strategies, as well as encouraging a passion for reading.

A reminder that all parents, students and visitors are welcome to attend Junior Chapel on Thursday afternoons in the Warne auditorium. Chapel begins at about 1.40 pm and Transition Tembo students are most welcome to come along too.

I am thoroughly enjoying meeting all Transition students and families. I look forward to a wonderful year together!

Mrs Kristy Lee Ferris
Transition Teacher
10 Year Celebrations

As part of our 10 Year Celebrations we are hoping to launch a number of options to help WAC families commemorate this special year. Could you please give us an indication of what you would be interested in purchasing or being a part of so we have an idea of numbers.

Estimated Costs Only

- 10 Year Dinner at Peppers Craigieburn .................................................. $110.00
- Commemorative Port ........................................................................... $15.00
- Purchase a single student imprinted paver for the garden ................ $45.00
- Purchase a family imprinted paver for the garden.............................. $70.00
- 10 Year Reflections Book ................................................................... $25.00

Please note that the above costs are just estimates and may change. Please fill out the enclosed slip and return to the College Office or call Mrs Hay on 4684 2577.

Mrs Rhonda Hay
Headmaster’s Secretary
10 Year Celebration Committee

“A Decade of Reflections” - We Want Your Memories...

As part of our 10 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.

Mrs Lucy Gregory
Support Teacher
10 Year Celebration Committee
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

Please find your new Canteen Menu and Price List enclosed. Most of the prices have changed so please ensure you discard any previous lists and put this one somewhere prominent.

Please 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:
Friday, 15/2  Janelle Gardiner  Robyn McCauley
Monday, 11/2  Jason Conlan  Help Needed
Tuesday, 19/2  Anne Woods  Help Needed
Wednesday, 20/2  Judith Rigg  Help Needed
Thursday, 21/2  Junior Swimming Carnival  Robyn McCauley
Friday, 22/2  Senior Swimming Carnival  Help Needed

If you would like to join the F.L.O.W.E.R.S. team of wonderful helpers please fill in the enclosed form and return it to the Canteen. More volunteers would be very much appreciated.

Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy!

Mrs Carolyn Richards
Canteen Supervisor
**EXTRA CURRICULAR**

Congratulations to Fergus Hayes-Sant who completed his Preliminary Violin Examination in December 2012, and was awarded an “A”. Well done Fergus!

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**P & F FUNDRAISING**

This term the P&F will be conducting a **Bulb Drive** to start our fundraising year. A great selection of premium Spring/Winter flowering bulbs will be offered from Tesselaar, a well established Victorian Supplier.

Fancy a drift of Bluebells, a bed of daffodils or just a pot of hyacinths?

**Names of all participants will go into a “Thank You” draw**
**You could Win a $25 Voucher from TAHMOOR GARDEN CENTRE or LOWES simply by placing an order**

There are 3 Vouchers from each sponsor to be won.

Your support in this event would be greatly appreciated.
Catalogues will be out next week!

P&F Fundraising

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**GARDENING GROUP**

Hello to all those people who enjoy and value plants and the outdoors and are able to volunteer some of their time on Fridays.

My name is Amanda. I am a horticulturalist at the Australian Botanic Gardens at Mount Annan four days a week but on Fridays I like to volunteer some time assisting the Property staff (Mr Schroder’s group) to maintain the gardens at WAC.

The new College gardens are looking spectacular and keeping them that way, as well as the older gardens, will require more work than before. I am therefore seeking some regular volunteers to come and join me on Fridays, where we can share knowledge and have some fun keeping the College looking great.

If anyone is interested I would much appreciate if you could contact me by email at: rvajrol-lason@bigpond.com, or leave a message at the College Office.

Amanda Rollason  
Gadening Group Co-ordinator
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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.)

Campbelltown City Council 2013 Challenge Walk at the Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan - Sunday, 10 March. 7.00 am for 8.00 am start. 6 km Fun Walk and 11 km Endurance Walk. Enter online at Campbelltown City Libraries. For further information Ph: 4645 4605 or email: Campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/challengewalk.

32nd Annual Robertson Wool Festival 2013 - Saturday, 6 April, School of Arts Illawarra Highway Robertson, 10.00 am - 2.30 pm. For further information contact; Terri Barrell Ph: 4684 2085 email: kotarb@bigpond.com

Studio 7 School of Dance - Kookies N Kream Hip Hop Crew Workshop. 23 February 2013, 11.00 am - 12.30 pm. Bookings essential Ph: 0421 818 551, email: studio7schoolofdance@hotmail.com.

STADS - Sarah’s Theatre and Drama Skills and Agency for Singers, dancers and actors. For more information call Sarah Ph: 0415 995 225 or 4683 0193.

Sweet Singing Studios - Singing lessons to people of any age or experience level. For more information Ph: 0421 155 938 email: kirsten.jones1987@gmail.com.

Picton Rangers Football Club - All ages boys and girls, under 6’s men and ladies. Enquires: prscpresident@hotmail.com.

CRU Camps Autumn Register Now! - Five CRU Camps on offer this Autumn. HSC Study Camps and Activities Camps. For more information Ph: 02 9874 8933 email: crucamps@crusaders.edu.au.

Chat Packs - Information for families with current and up-to-date information for children aged 0 - 5. Tuesday, 5 March 10.00 am - 12.00 pm at Ingleburn Community Health Centre or Wednesday, 6 March 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm at Narellan Community Health Centre. Ph: 8788 4223 or email: Elise.Matherson@sswh.nsw.gov.au.

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 redbacksafi@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. Luke 10:33 But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan so that we might realise the value of caring for everybody we meet, not just the ones we like or respect. We know we’re showing God’s sort of love when we love the unlovable. Rev Robert Meischke.
**HEADMASTERLY HAPPENINGS**

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**Term Services:** Fridays, 22 March, 7 June, 6 September,
**Working Bees/Open Days:** Saturdays; 9 March, 1 June, 31 August, 23 November
Pretend Headmaster, Kobe Barciki (KC) takes a moment to tear himself away from studying the implications of the “Ministry of Anglican Schools”.

## Prayer Points

### Thank God

- For missionaries around the world and their selfless service to others
- For all the new students at the College this year and for the smiles they bring along with them
- That we live in a country where we are free to worship without fear of persecution

### Ask God

- For wisdom as we consider future building projects
- To keep our missionaries safe
- That Dr and Mrs Quarmby’s visit to our African link school will be helpful and productive

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

**Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.**