Sometimes Silence

The old man sat in his rocking chair on the verandah. His eyes were red from sobbing. His neighbours gave the house a wide berth. The old man was one of those unpredictable types. When he smiled, his whole face smiled and he had a childish kind of laugh that belied his years and disarmed those around him. No one could resist laughing when the old man laughed. But he did not laugh much. Mostly he was the tired and cranky kind of old man who had a problem with the world and did not mind everyone knowing about it. His brow descended into a near permanent scowl and he had little tolerance of people.

Most, had heard the news. The old man’s son had died. It is said to be a curse to outlive your children and the old man was living proof. Eyes stared into the distance and focused on nothing but his formless grief, broken only by the occasional raking sob. He sat there for hours, day after day, soaking up the sun; oblivious to the quickly averted gazes of passers-by.

Amelia lived next door. She had known both moods of the man; his anger at the ivy that had grown from her side of the fence into his yard and “choked the living day lights out of his precious garden.” Amelia was sorry that her ivy had done the damage but also afraid to go into his yard and clear up his precious garden. In the end she had poisoned the ivy on her side of the fence, but sadly it still kept growing and choking on his. She had also known his laughter. He laughed at Christmas time when his son and his grandchildren visited. Amelia knew there would be no more laughter at Christmas.

Her sombre thoughts had distracted her for a moment. It was too late to stop her little son, Aaron, as he rounded the dividing fence and made a bee-line towards the old man’s veranda. What to do? Call him back? The words would not come. She watched in silence. A protective mother’s instinct screamed – “do something – the man is unstable – Aaron is so little.”

Screaming thoughts met silent lips. She watched and waited.

Aaron ran up to the veranda and climbed up onto the old man’s knee. He began to cry again, but this time it was not a subdued cry. It was the kind of cry that comes from the deepest place of pain. His tears caught the sunlight and Amelia began to cry too – partly with the fear of motherly instinct; partly with the shame of the knowledge that a five year old had done what every neighbourhood adult had dared not do.

After what seemed an eternity, she saw the old man say something to Aaron, then lift him off his knee and shuffle back inside. The verandah was empty for the first time in weeks.

Wiping her tears away, she gathered the little boy up into her arms the moment he rounded the fence. “What did you say to him?” she asked.

“Nothing”, said the little boy.

“And what did he say to you?” asked Amelia.

“He just said ‘thank you’,” said Aaron.

“*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.*” (Roms 8:26)

Sometimes when you have no answer – it is best left at that. Words can be healing – but they can also be the coldest comfort.

*Sometimes silence holds just the right number of words.*
ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

Interviews continue for Year 7 2014 and College Days for Kindergarten and Transition 2014 will commence shortly and continue into Term 2.

Places are filling quickly so please encourage friends and family who are interested in applying for a place at the College to do so as soon as possible. Application packages can be downloaded from our website or collected from the office. Please see me for more information.

YEAR 7 INFORMATION NIGHT

Invitations for the Year 7 Information Night were sent to all families with students in Year 6. If you did not receive your invitation, please let me know. RSVPs are required by Monday, 18 March for catering and planning purposes.

The information night will be held on Tuesday, 19 March commencing at 6.00 pm with a BBQ. You are also welcome to invite family and friends with students in Year 6 at other schools - all are welcome.

10 YEAR CELEBRATION TILE WALL

As part of our 10 Year Anniversary, we will be designing a tile wall where each student and staff member will be able to design their own clay tile and glaze with their house colour. The tiles will then be mounted onto a prominent wall in the College.

Students will design their tile in the last two weeks of Term 1 and the first two weeks of Term 2.

- Clay tiles will be supplied to each student in a set class time
- Size is 700 x 700mm
- Student must include their name and year group in the design
- Students can use supplied tools to decorate their tile
- Tile will be glazed in the student's house colour.

Students will be given a template which they must use to draft their tile design. Students are encouraged to discuss their tile design with their parents over the weekend before submitting their design next week.

We look forward to unveiling the wall during the year!

Mrs Christine Mozejko
College Development Manager
FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Parent Ideas - Resilience

*Resilience* is a 21st Century parenting concept that is used a lot now days in education and one that every parent needs to understand.

**Some kids are resilient by nature** – their temperament helps them to be mentally and psychologically tough. You know those kids. They get straight back up after a setback or disappointment. Rejection in the playground doesn’t faze them. Unfortunately, not every child has such natural resilience.

The good news is that most of the research shows that resilience can be nurtured and developed, particularly when parents themselves are resilient and they actively foster it in their kids.

Resilient kids share four basic skill sets - independence, problem-solving, optimism and social connection.

**Building Resilience**

From a resilience perspective parents need to coach kids through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time. Avoid solving all their problems for them.

You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your kids by:

1. **Having a positive attitude yourself.** Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a ‘you can do it’ attitude for your child when he meets some of life’s curve balls.

2. **Look for teachable moments.** Many kids’ learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.

3. **Make kids active participants in the family.** Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.

4. **Build kids coping skills.** There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn’t go their way, including acceptance, getting away for a while, and normalisation.

Promoting resilience in kids is a not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don’t go their way. It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience, so you have faith in yourself, and your child’s ability to cope.

At WAC we try to build student resilience by offering a range of activities and encouraging students to participate. Working in a team, co-operating with others, overcoming challenges individually and as part of a team, taking responsibility for their learning and their mistakes is all part of building resilience.

Source: Michael Grose

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH’S AWARD - BRONZE PRACTICE EXPEDITION**

The Bronze Level Practice Expedition will take place on Saturday, 6 and Sunday, 7 April 2013 from Audley Visitors’ Centre through the Royal National Park to Wattamola.

*Specific Details are below:*

**Saturday, 6 April**
Departure from Thirlmere Park in Cars (parents will need to transport students) at 7.30 am to Audley Visitors’ Centre – Royal National Park. (There may be a park entry fee).

**Sunday, 7 April**
1.30 pm pick up students at Wattamola, Royal National Park.

**Equipment:**
Students will need to carry all their own food, equipment, water, sleeping gear and tent. This was covered at the pre-expedition training on Saturday, 9 March 2013. Students will need to use a fuel stove for cooking or eat uncooked meals. An equipment list is in the Expedition Handbook issued to students.
Note: Students will need to carry at least two litres of water. Cooking fires are not permitted in the national park. There may be an opportunity to swim. Students may choose to bring swimmers. Electric BBQ’s are available at the camp site as well as toilets and showers.

Costs: National Park Camping fees $15.00 to be paid at front office.

Equipment Hire:
The College has some backpacks and 2 person tents available for hire at $10.00, Trangia Cookers $10.00, Good Quality Rain Jackets $10.00. Hire fees are to be paid before the expedition to the College Office.

Mr Croger and Mrs Croger, Mr and Mrs Hicks, Mr Grant and Ms Huxtable will be supervising the students. Emergency contact details will be made available.

Mr Schroder will be an emergency contact person.

P & F FUNDRAISING - BULB DRIVE

LAST ORDERS FOLKS

Orders in the P&F Bulb Drive will close on Monday, 18 March

Late orders cannot be accepted as bulbs need to arrive before Easter

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED BULBS

Though more support in this fundraiser would be appreciated, there is no minimum order. Please consider buying a small pack of bulbs.

“FROM SMALL THINGS BIG THINGS GROW”

Catalogues are still available at the Office

The six winners of the $25.00 Vouchers will be notified.

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TAHMOOR GARDEN CENTRE and LOWES

P&F Fundraising
Involvement in College Life
As we look around the College currently there are so many opportunities on offer that cater to the needs and interests of our students. Involvement in such activities really enhances student’s total schooling experience and often provides memories that are most vividly remembered at the end of the educational journey. I would encourage all students to look for and involve themselves in one or a number of these opportunities. The outcomes of such involvement are very positive in the holistic development of our student body and contribute significantly to a strong sense of belonging within our College community.

Spotlight on the Award System – Sport
Sport is an important area in which students have the opportunity here at the College to excel. Students can receive sporting merits for their involvement in a wide range of representative sporting activities. Sporting merits are awarded via the approval of the College Sports Co-ordinator Mr Madden and students may be recommended to him for awards based on their achievements within the sports they are involved in. When students receive four sporting merits they are issued with a Green Award for Sport, this is presented at weekly assemblies. If a student is able to achieve eight sporting merits they will receive a White Award for Sport. This is presented at a Formal Assembly.

T-8 Buddy Program
On Friday, 8 March as part of the College Pastoral Program the new Transition-Year 8 Buddy Program was launched. This session was run during Roll Call from 8.10 am - 8.35 am. This is an exciting new initiative that is being driven by Mrs Keen, Transition-Year 4 Pastoral Co-ordinator and Mrs Rockwell Year 5-Year 8 Pastoral Co-ordinator. It is a great opportunity for older students to form strong and caring relationships with younger students at the College as well as developing leadership skills in our Middle School students. The program provides structured activities for students to work in partnership with the goal of developing a range of skills in various pastoral areas. From observations of the first session student involvement in the activities was very enthusiastic. The program will run twice a Term in 2013.

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

Bookfair: Thank you to everyone who supported our bookfair. Money raised from the fair goes to buy extra books for our libraries.

Fathers’ and Literacy Day: Thank you to all the Dads and Granddads who came along to our Literacy morning. The children loved having their visitors, reading with them, exploring literacy activities and completing the treasure hunt. The pictures tell such a great story:

Live a life well read.

Mrs Louise Saint-John
IRC Coordinator

www.love2read.org.au
NEW STAFF PROFILE - MRS LISA MAHER

Position: Primary Teacher
Place of Birth: Camden, NSW
Qualifications: Bachelor of Teaching, Certificate IV in Human Resources
Favourite Food: Slow Roasted Greek Style Lamb
Favourite Modern Band/Artist: Pink
Favourite Books: 'Outlander Series' by Diana Gabaldon
Interests: Family time, Catching up with Friends, Camping, Reading, Learning new things, Cooking, Eating

2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) – COMPUTER SKILLS

ICAS provides an opportunity for students in Years 3 to 10 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the area of Computer Skills.

Students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable to include in a portfolio.

Students interested in taking part this year must have their name registered with Mr Gregory no later than Wednesday, 3 April 2013

Mr Jason Gregory
Secondary Teacher (Technology)

A.S.K - (WAC’s HOMEWORK CLUB)

Students need to be aware that it is their responsibility to ensure they have enough work for the duration of their stay at Homework Club. It is not a time for playing computer games and socialising.

We encourage students to consider taking this opportunity for FOCUSED study time and support from our friendly staff. All students from Years 7-12 are welcome to attend throughout the term. Remember to bring some afternoon tea as hunger does not promote positive learning. See you there!

When: Wednesday afternoons 3.00 pm - 4.30 pm
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: 4684 2577)

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

Mrs Emily Madden
Secondary Teacher Maths
Hi everyone. We had a great day on Saturday during the College Working Bee. Over 170 people turned up and worked side by side completing most of the jobs on the list. Here are some photos I took on the day. Every picture tells a story so I don’t need to create a list and wasn’t it great to see the kids taking part!

We hired a rotary hoe from Picton Hire to dig up the hard ground in preparation for the new cafeteria garden.

With new soil, rocks and plants installed, the pictures show the end result.

As well as the new garden, handrails were painted, gardens were weeded, conifer trees had their low branches removed, car parks were blown and cleaned up, books were covered and rubbish was picked up. Thanks again for all the hard work and fellowship folks; it is well worth the effort. It was also great to meet new folk who attended for the first time.

One thing that encouraged us was that one of our ex Year 12 students, Wes De Bono arrived on the day to lend a hand even though he has no further ties with the College. Great work Wes! It was good to catch up with him on the day.

The Wollondilly Anglican Community Church provided their usual scrumptious morning tea even though they could not attend due to their church camp being on. The P&F provided a BBQ sausage sizzle lunch. We thank both organisations for their ongoing support.

Mr Fred Schroder
Property Manager

**WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE**

Each year our staff support this event by sponsoring willing staff members who wish to participate. We are again participating on Friday, 15 March at lunch time. We have four staff members entering: Mr Tim Hicks, Dr Stuart Quarmby, Mr Ian Croger and Mr Jason Gregory. We also have a willing Year 11 student, Katie Flanagan. If you would like to contribute to this you are able to go online to donate at: http://worldsgreatestshave.com/

Choose - Search for a shaver
Click Team Search
Type in Wollondilly in the box (Click SEARCH)
Click on Wollondilly Community - Rainbow Shave (Sharon Robertson)
Scroll down and choose the person you wish to sponsor
Complete the details. If you wish to sponsor Katie Flanagan, search for her as an individual shaver.

We wish to thank Connie Dunn from 'Shear N Dipity' Hair Design Oakdale and Grace Cochrane from 'Argyle Hair Design' Picton for giving up their time to be our hairdressers on the day.

Mrs Rhonda Hay
Headmaster’s Secretary
**MATHS MATTERS!**

**Parent Evening**
Had our first evening for parents who wanted to help their students with Maths. Three parents attended and seemed to find the evening beneficial. After Easter parents will be able to join us for the second part of the course. It is certainly an opportunity to help your students develop their Algebra skills.

**Maths Competitions**
We will be sitting the Mathematics competition on Tuesday, 13 August. All students in 7M1, 8M1, 9M1, 10M1 and all Year 11 and 12 Advanced Mathematics classes will sit the competition.

If your student is in another class and would like to participate in the competition they are most welcome. Please let Mr Hicks know by Friday, 22 March.

**At School Tutoring**
Maths tutoring is held for Secondary Students on Mondays, lunch 2 in Flynn 3. If your student needs help please encourage them to join Mr Hicks for help/tutoring.

Problem solving help and development is held on Wednesdays, Lunch 2 in Flynn 3. Please encourage your student to come and develop their problem solving skills. Mr Hicks organises this. He is away this Wednesday on the Year 9 camp, but it is held on a regular basis.

**ARNHEM LAND MISSION**
There is a student and parent information evening being held on 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 19 March at the Flynn Amphitheatre. It will not be a long meeting but will discuss issues such as the purpose of the trip, safety, the interview process and costs. Year 10 and 11 parents who are interested in attending are invited to attend.

Mr Tim Hicks
Maths Co-ordinator

**TERM SERVICE**
Parents and students are invited to our first Term Service for the year, which will be in the Warne Auditorium at 7.00 pm on Friday, 22 March. Students need to attend in full summer uniform. Kindergarten students and the College Vocal Ensemble will be singing for us. Our guest speaker is Reverend Warren Hicks from Camden Presbyterian Church. In addition some of our students will be involved in leading the service, doing Bible readings and praying. Please come along and enjoy this special time together as a College community, as we praise God and learn more about Him.

At each of our Term Services this year we will be participating in a Food Drive for those who have fallen on hard times in the Wollondilly area. Mrs Ede from the C3 Church in Picton will be bringing a trailer which will be parked in front of the Auditorium. Please bring an indate tin of non perishable food to donate to this great cause.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Carolyn Clark
Primary/Secondary Teacher (German)
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. Invitations for the 10 Year Dinner will be out next week.

10 YEAR CELEBRATION PAVERS FOR THE COLLEGE GROUNDS

For as little as $45.00 your name will be engraved into a paver which will then be laid permanently in our 10 Year Celebration Paved Area located around the new garden in the College grounds. Forms have been sent home, or can be collected from the Office.

Mr Jonathan Shaw
College Administrator

“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
PRIMARY SPORT

Congratulations to Michelle Friedrich on making the CIS Swimming next week. We wish her all the best.

Next week’s IPSSO games will be held here at the College. Please remember all safety gear and if a lunch order is required, to clearly mark the order with “IPSSO” in order for the lunch to be ready on time.

Transition-Year 2 and Years 3-6 Cross Country will be held on Wednesday, 27 March. The Transition-Year 2 carnival will be held after the Easter Hat Parade and the Years 3-6 carnival will be held following an early lunch in the afternoon. Further information will be published next week.

Many of the children participated in the AFL Clinic after College last Friday. A couple of years ago, we offered to bring the clinic onto the College grounds to make the program more accessible to our children. It is important to remember that this clinic is not being run by the College but by an external body. It should be noted that if there are any concerns, such as roll taking, then all correspondence should be directed to the organisers.

We as a College have kindly agreed to provide supervision between the end of school and the start of the clinic and someone from WOOSH has also kindly agreed to collect any WOOSH children at the conclusion. As we have many younger students participating in the clinic, older siblings are to assist the younger brother or sister in being in the correct place. A note in the diary to the class teacher for Kindergarten and Transition students will also help ensure the children are in the correct place at the correct time.

Your assistance and support in what we do here at the College is important to us but it is also to be remembered that when we are offering a service to our children run by an external body, all statements and questions must be directed back to these bodies.

Mr Stuart McIntosh
Primary Sports Co-ordinator

SECONDARY SPORT

Congratulations to Samantha Vibert and Hayden Hecimovic who are now the College’s first NASSA Swimming age champions. We had a host of other fantastic results at the carnival, our all age relay team came second and our intermediate (15-16 Year olds) swimmers had a brilliant result just missing out on first in their age group.

The NASSA Touch Gala Day was a fantastic day, with several of our teams having a very successful carnival. The open boys tied in first place but had to play off for and achieve third on for and against. The U-15 boys came fourth. Our girls struggled at the start of the day but by the end were much improved. Congratulations to Phillip Kerin, Connor Dymond, Ray Stone, Kye Madden and Josh Short who all made it into the NASSA teams for their respective age groups.

This week in MISA we played Broughton Anglican College. We had a good week of success. Both Oztag teams were very tired from the previous days touch football. The boys won 7-2 and the girls are getting ever so close to that elusive try scoring ice block. The basketball teams are improving with the boys managing to reach double figures this week but still went down 34-11. Both the volleyball teams had excellent wins. Team of the week must go to the girls basketball team who had a win 23-6. Congratulations girls your hard work is paying off.
Next week in the MISA competition we play St Benedict’s so no teams will be playing, as Benedict’s do not have any teams in the sports we play. All MISA teams will be at the College training.

**OZTAG – WAC**
Basketball – WAC
Volleyball – WAC

**Important Dates:**
22 March NASSA Opens soccer trials
26 March AICES swimming carnival
28 March WAC Secondary X-Country

Mr Richard Madden
Secondary Sports Co-ordinator

**MATHS CLUB 2013 (PRIMARY)**

Some very keen mathematicians keep turning up for our weekly club. We played Dice Addition games and this proved very popular. This game will be played again next week.

When: Every Monday at 2nd half lunch! 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 2nd half lunch.

Mr Darren Wayne
Primary Teacher
Maths Club Co-ordinator

**CALLING ALL EASTER HAT PARADERS!**

Save the Date - Wednesday, 27 March 2013.

Wollondilly Anglican College invites you to attend our Easter Hat Parade.

With Easter on its way and being such a significant celebration, we would like to end the term for Transition-Year 2 students with an Easter Hat Parade.

We ask you to assist your children create an Easter hat that they can wear/put on unassisted for the Parade.

Our Parade will commence at 8.30 am in the Sails area. You and your extended family are invited to come along and join in the fun. Maybe you too would like to create your own Easter Hat. After the Parade, you are invited to join your child for Fruit Stop.

Please bring your own chairs as there will be no seating available at the Sails area.

In the event of rain the parade will still go ahead and will be held in the Auditorium. Hope to see you there.

The Junior School Staff
JUNGLE NEWS FROM TOTO AND TEMBO

Transition Tembo and Transition Toto have been busy little bees at the College. The children continue to amaze me as they become more comfortable in their routines and attempt new challenges. Every morning I wake up very excited about spending the day teaching your children.

I will continue to send home a brief overview of learning each week via the students’ diaries. This week, we have started a new theme “Easter” which will continue over the next couple of weeks. Students have recently begun using the computers in Cook, which they have absolutely loved. It has been interesting watching a new generation of children come through expecting all computers to be touch screen! We are working to develop their skills using a computer mouse.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the Literacy celebration activities, including our Fathers and Literacy Morning on Tuesday, as well as a visit from our Headmaster. Dr Quarmby read his favourite book (“Old MacDonald had a farm”) to both classes, using puppets to help. As you can imagine, the children felt so special! Transition Tembo also had a visit from some Middle School students, who buddied up with them to read on “World Read Aloud Day”.

A reminder to parents that it is a legal requirement for a note to be provided to the College if students are absent, arrive late or leave early. If you arrive after the bell in the morning, you will need to get a late note from the office. If you need to pick your child up before classes are dismissed at afternoon assembly, please sign them out at the office first. The office will then provide you with a note to give to me. We appreciate your support as we endeavour to keep your child safe and satisfy this legislation.

I am beginning to work with students on their language and speaking skills. Particularly with the introduction of “news”, I have noticed quite a number of students who are displaying some issues in their speech development. I have booked into a professional development course later this term targeted at Transition/Prep teachers, where a Speech Pathologist will be discussing speech issues, patterns and disorders in four to six year olds. Having an awareness of age-appropriate speech patterns is important as a parent, especially considering the strong link between speech disorders and reading difficulties. Sometimes we neglect to help the children develop their speech, perhaps as a result of becoming “used to” the way they speak, or even as a result of the “cute factor”. Some of the things you can do at home to assist in improving your child’s speech articulation, fluency, voice and language development include;

- Having regular conversations with your child
- Listening carefully to their responses, conversations and articulation.
- Modelling and insisting on turn taking during conversations.
- Correcting through modelling any incorrect grammar/sentence structure/articulation. E.g. “Him in the car”- “Yes he is in the car” or “Me like that”- “I like that”.
- Trying to extend sentences by adding concepts and prolong conversations through open ended questions e.g. “He’s in the car.” “Yes he is driving in his red car. I wonder where he’s going. Where do you think he could be going?”

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Mrs Kristy Lee Ferris
(k.ferris@wac.nsw.edu.au)
Transition Teacher
P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Tuesday evening the Annual General Meeting kicked off with guest speaker Mrs Amanda Rollason introducing the Gardening Club. I encourage anyone with time to donate on a Friday to get involved, meet some new friends and help maintain the College’s natural beauty.

It was great to see new faces around the table, many taking on leadership roles within the P&F. This year’s team is a healthy mix of those who have done before and those who bring fresh input:

President: Danielle Turner  Vice President: Lorna Harper
Treasurer: Kathren Konzen  Secretary: Tristan Betts

Coordinators
Bulb Drive: Lesley Bramich  Service Stalls: Vanessa McPherson
Merchandise: Michelle Clark  Clothing Pool: Michelle Morris
Sponsorship: Colleen Maihi  Hospitality: Julie Wills
Golf Day: Pam Egan  Lowes: John Hellyer
Fun Run: Karen Johnson  Student Banking: Julie Wills

Country Fair: Brooke Carter, Lianne Williams, Amanda Danagher
Working Bee: Fred Schroder

Business Directory: Vacant. Please see College Office if you are able to assist.

Please support the efforts of these wonderful people who generously give their time.

A huge thank you to Mrs Lesley Bramich who has stepped down from Vice President due to study commitments. Lesley has worked tirelessly behind the scenes improving documentation, stock levels and defining roles to enable the P&F to function more effectively. She has been a huge personal support which will be very much missed. We are thankful Lesley’s involvement continues with the Bulb Drive and the P&F still benefits from her valuable input.

Danielle Turner
P&F President

Canteen Roster:
Friday, 15/3  Michelle Clark  Robyn McCauley
Monday, 18/3  Michelle Morris  Help Needed
Tuesday, 19/3  Anne Woods  Help Needed
Wednesday, 20/3  Judith Rigg  Help Needed
Thursday, 21/3  Robyn McCauley  Kellie Bennett
Friday, 22/3  Judy Scholes  Natalie Traynor

If you would like to join the F.L.O.W.E.R.S. team of wonderful helpers please see me in the Canteen. More volunteers are still needed. Remember, you can choose to do half a day or a few hours if that suits you.

Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy!

Mrs Carolyn Richards
Canteen Supervisor
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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.

• Rainbow Shave Event - Leukaemia Foundation, where: Derk's on Argyle, Saturday, 23 March 9.00 am - 3.00 pm. For more information contact Joan Derks 4677 0093.

• WAG Exhibition - Wollondilly Arts Group Exhibition 16 - 24 March, at Wollondilly Shire Hall, Menangle Street, Picton, NSW. For more information visit www.wollondillyartsgroup.com.au.

• Picton Tennis Club - Free open day Sunday, 17 March, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm at Downing Street, Picton. For more information please visit; www.pictontennis.com.au.

• Wirrimbirra Sanctuary Reptile Day - Sunday, 24 March, 10.00 am - 3.00 pm Wirrimbirra Sanctuary 3105 Remembrance Drive, Bargo. Enquiries Ph: 4684 1112.

• Bach in the Dark - Classics at Picton for music lovers. St Marks Church, Menangle Street, Picton, Friday, 5 April at 7.00 pm. Enquiries Ph: Geraldine - 4681 0768 or John - 4677 1331.

• Picton Music and Harvest Festival - Saturday, 4 May, Music Festival and Sunday, 5 May Busking Competition. For all enquiries please contact Ted Rixon Ph: 0414 467 717.

• Lectures for HSC Students - Free lectures for Year 11 and Year 12 mid-year exam revision. For further information visit website www.tsfx.com.au.

• Student Exchange Australia New Zealand - Free family information evening on 21 March, Thirroul District and Community Centre, 352/358 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. For more information visit: www.studentexchange.org.nz.

• Wollondilly Shire Council Holiday Activities - Cosmetic Kitchen Party, Warhammer 40K Games Workshop, Gaming and Pizza Night and Pets Storytime. Bookings essential on 4677 8300 or Picton or the Mobile Library.

• 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: cru-camps@crusaders.edu.au.

• Teen Ranch April Roundups - Round up “E” 10 - 13 Years, 14 - 19 April and Roundup “F” 13 - 17 Years 21 - 26 April. Places are limited, for more information Ph: 46 512268 or visit www.teenranch.com.au.

• Summer Break - Short term Mission for Teens. For more information contact Ph: 07 5449 9765, email: info@teenmissions.com.au or visit www.teenmissions.com.au.

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

March

Thursday, 14
SASC Young Leaders Day
Student enrolments for 2014
(Evening) visit Year 9 camp

Friday, 15
Greatest Shave Day
Student enrolments for 2014

Monday, 18
Student enrolments for 2014

Tuesday, 19
Student enrolments for 2014
Meeting with College Chairman and SASC Education consultant
(Evening) Year 7 Information Night

Wednesday, 20
Student enrolments for 2014
College Executive meeting
(Evening) College Council meeting

Thursday, 21
Student enrolments for 2014

Friday, 22
Crusader event in Sydney
(Evening) College Term 1 Service

Sunday, 24
Headmaster preaching at WACC Church at the College 9am.

Calendar Update

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IMPORTANT DATES

P & F Meetings for 2013
- 8 April
- 6 May
- 17 June
- 12 August
- 2 September
- 14 October
- 4 November

Country Fair - Saturday, 14 September
Golf Day - Tuesday, 5 November

Wollondilly Anglican Community Church (WACC) meets in the Clifford Warne Auditorium every Sunday at 9.00 am. Matt. 6:26 “Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”

Feeling valued is one of the biggest things on most of our minds. We yearn for a sense of significance, a sense that we matter. In a world where we are each one in nearly 7 billion, in a universe where our solar system is a mere speck within a speck, it’s hard to imagine that we could matter. And yet we do. We matter to the one who made it all. We matter enough for him to send his Son to die in our place. That is valued. Rev Rob Meischke 0437533106
**Brand New Headmaster**

Pretend Headmaster, Madeline Levings (KS) is reassuring a nervous “Wolly” that the gorillas will be gentle during his next trip with Dr Quarmby to Africa.

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<td>• That He was prepared to pay the ultimate price – so deep was His love for you (and for me).</td>
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<td>• That He watches over us and is always there when we celebrate or cry out in need</td>
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<td>• For the new faces on the Parents’ and Friends’ Association and for the continued efforts of the “old.”</td>
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| **Ask God** |
| • For a measure of His wisdom as we seek to bring comfort to the lost, the least and the lonely. |
| • That we may never grow complacent with the efforts and attitudes of those who give their time so willingly to make this College a better place. |

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

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