Kindness and Courage

She was not a good swimmer and the reassurances of the Youthworks staff added confusion to her fear. Both emotions were etched on her face as she stood frozen between agreement and apprehension. Her gaze focused on the long banana shaped skidoo – a large inflatable rubber contraption that was towed behind a twin engine speed boat. Skidoos seat ten. “Passengers” are tossed about as the contraption hits the wake of the speed boat. Passing boats make for an extra challenge as the interference patterns in the water create super crests and troughs. It’s a challenge to hold on by a single rope. It is also lots of fun. She had watched as several squealing students were upended and drenched in the previous ride. Now it was her turn. The life vest and assurances of safety were little comfort. She was not a good swimmer.

Oblivious to her fear but noticing her hesitation, into the scene strode the youngish teacher. “Not sure about the skidoo eh?” he said. “Don’t worry, I will sit behind you. If you fall off, I’ll jump in too.” It was a hastily construed plan that may not have passed muster in a modern day Work Health Safety risk assessment. Looking at her friends’ expectations and then back at the skidoo, she reluctantly agreed. The fear was still there but so was her image and image is a big thing with teenage kids.

As the ride progressed, she began to relax – at least until disaster struck. The teacher behind her, with little expertise, rallied a false sense of security and began waving to the students on the dock. Crest on crest. Visions of the sky were followed by a sudden wet landing. It was he who was off the back of the skidoo and trailing through the water with one arm still caught in the rope. Not since Moses had there been such a parting of the waters as his oversized frame aquaplaned and aquasank behind the skidoo.

Imagine his surprise, between generous mouthfuls of river water, when he felt an arm reach back over the skidoo and pull him back above the water. It was her. Holding on with one hand to her own rope, she leant back precariously over the back of the skidoo as the others yelled for the boat to stop. The nervous trepidation in her eyes had been replaced by a steely determination. She was needed. Adam Lindsay Gordon, wrote a verse which is etched into the Melbourne monument that carries his likeness. It reads –

Life is mainly froth and bubble
Two things stand like stone
Kindness in another’s trouble
Courage in your own

I heard it the other day, and remembered the fearful girl on the skidoo
THE WOLLONDILLY ANGLICAN COLLEGE ARENA (WACA)

You've probably seen it, you've probably walked on it, but you've never seen it like you will tomorrow for our official opening!

We would love for you to join us from 12.30 pm at the WACA for our official opening. We'll have cheerleaders, footballers, official guests, music and fun - and that's not all. The whole College will be at the WACA for this event and we would love to have parents, grandparents and other special visitors here with us to celebrate as well.

Program:

12.30pm  Introduction and Official Opening (Dr Stuart Quarmby)
          Performances and Special Guests

12.50pm  Cheerleader performance

1.00pm   Kick off

1.25pm   Half time
          Cheerleader Performance (Senior group)
          Transition dismissed

1.30pm   Second half

1.55pm   Final whistle

2.00pm   Presentation

2.10pm   Students dismissed

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FATHER’S DAY STALL - NEXT FRIDAY!!!

Next Friday, 30 August students from Transition to Year 6 will have the opportunity to buy a gift for Dad from the P&F Father’s Day Stall. Your child can choose from a range of $5.00 presents that will be wrapped and tagged ready for Father’s Day on Sunday, 1 September. The P&F provides this stall as a service to the College students.

Mrs Vanessa McPherson
P&F Committee.

PRIMARY MATHS CLUB

Well done to more than 20 students who keep coming to Primary Maths Club each week. Every Monday we play a range of games with the emphasis on practising number skills with friends. Students will be picked up at the 3-4 playground at 2nd half lunch.

Mr Darren Wayne
Maths Club Co-ordinator

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HOW ARE HSC MARKS CALCULATED?

Some parents have been asking questions about how HSC marks are calculated and whether students will be disadvantaged if they are in a class with some weak students or whether they will be advantaged by being in a stronger group.

To clarify matters, I thought I would use the information that I received from the Board of Studies Schools Liaison Officer (BOSLO).

- A student's individual mark is not lowered by the poor performance of other students. Each student determines their own marks based on their performance which is influenced by their ability, their level of work and engagement, the influence of teachers and parents among other factors like health. It is their own Assessment Rank, based on the School Assessment, and their own Exam mark, based on their performance in the exam.
- Obviously a capable group, with a strong learning culture, who work hard and who have been set high expectations by their teachers will benefit from that environment. They tend to encourage one another to work harder. (This environment should sound familiar to WAC parents).

The Steps In the Process include:

- The school sends in an assessment mark based on ongoing tasks throughout Year 12 in each subject.
- The students sit the exam and receive their exam mark.
  - The exam mark is the common element across the State and it is used to moderate the school's assessment marks. It compensates for situations where a teacher may be too tough in their marking or too easy across different schools.
- In the moderation process the assessment marks are adjusted using 3 points:
  1. The mid-point of the school group's assessments is adjusted to equal the mean of the examination marks obtained by the students in that group.
  2. The top assessment mark is adjusted to equal the highest examination mark obtained by any student in that group.
  3. Where possible, the bottom moderated assessment is equal to the lowest examination mark by any student in that group.
- The Board of Studies does not adjust the distribution of marks or the rankings that are submitted by the school.
- The Moderated assessment mark and the HSC Exam mark are weighted at 50% each and added to produce the HSC Mark:
  - Moderated Assessment Mark + HSC Exam Mark = HSC Mark.

2 examples might be:

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- It is important for schools to be as accurate as possible with the ranking of students and the spread of marks between students.
- It is important that students work hard in a consistent manner to maximise the School Assessment Marks. The student's individual performance determines the level of their success not the success or failure of other students in their group.

The calculation of the ATAR is a different process entirely and is not conducted by the Board of Studies. For information on how the ATAR is calculated see:

http://www.uac.edu.au/schoolink/

I am more than happy to talk to any parents who have concerns or need clarification about the process that is outlined above.

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster
Year 9-12 Chapel

On Wednesday, 14 August students in Years 9—12 were involved in our second Chapel service for 2013. The focus of the service was on Gifts and what the bible says about the way in which they should be used. The students and a member of staff who attended the Arnhem land mission trip were interviewed as part of the Chapel and had the opportunity to share with the students their responses to various questions about the trip. There was a challenge element to see which Year group possessed the strongest gifts in working out answers to Who am I? questions.

Congratulations to Samuel Harper Year 10 for his domination of this contest. Reverend Meischke provided the students with a very clear message that we all possess varying gifts and that God has created us and wants us to use these in various ways.

A special mention also to our very talented musician Maddi who presented a couple of musical items at the Chapel. We are very grateful for her contributions in this area.

Finally, to the students who were involved in the running of the Chapel, thank you for stepping up and making significant contributions to this aspect of College life. It is wonderful to see young people so willing to share their faith with others. Thank you to all the staff who contributed to the organisation for this Chapel and to all students for maintaining the standards that are expected for such an event.

Who am I?

Quiz Contestants –
Axel Friedrich Yr 12, Montana Walker Yr 11, Samuel Harper Yr 10 and Tyler Wilson Yr 9.

T-8 Buddy Program

On Friday, 16 August the first session of T-8 Buddies for Term 3 was run. This is a great opportunity for students across various year groups at the College to spend a short time developing relationships and supporting one another. It is a great opportunity for peer mentoring and the development of leadership skills for the older students involved in the program, whilst for the younger students it provides the opportunity to develop a relationship with an older student who can support them in their development across a range of areas.

To the staff involved in the delivery of this program, thank you for your efforts to ensure that this important pastoral program is well run to benefit the students of the College.

WACA Opening – Reminders

On Friday, 23 August the WACA will be officially opened. This is an important College event and will involve the whole of the College T-12. A reminder in the lead-up to this event about some expectations surrounding such events at the College:

- College Uniform needs to be worn correctly at all times during the day and during the event.
- Students should demonstrate Pride in Belonging by actively participating in this event. This can be achieved through behaviour that brings credit to the College and upholds the code of conduct for good sportsmanship.
- Students should demonstrate respect for themselves and others in the way that they interact with each other, staff, parents and guests on the day.
- Cheering on the day, particularly during the Rugby League match is encouraged. It should be positive only, and should recognise and applaud skilful performance and play regardless of the school. A very clear directive with regards to booing has been stated. This is not an acceptable practice during such a College event.
- Parents are welcome to attend the event and are asked to make their presence and support as positive as possible.

Mr Liam Toland
Director of Pastoral Care T-12
WAC Teachers Don’t ‘Help’ Students?

You may feel this title is contradictory to the role of a teacher. Let me explain. Many of the skills needed by students to be successful are not skills that can be developed by teachers helping. These include problem solving, critical and deep thinking. These skills are developed by struggle, frustration and by being forced to think through things ourselves. So the aim of teachers at WAC is to make students think and make them think hard and deep. This happens from the earliest age. We are aiming to question them and force them to come up with justifications for their thinking, to then question even further, to provide proof and quality thinking.

HOW CAN PARENTS REALLY HELP?

Parents are essential in developing the problem solving ability and independence of children. Parents can assist by letting children make mistakes, by not jumping in at the first point to say that something is wrong or right, to ask questions rather than give answers. Frustration, tears and tantrums may result. They actually should and then children should get over it and realise that these frustrations actually help us to think and work out problems. Learning to deal with our frustration in a mature and responsible manner is a skill that we need for life.

Parents and teachers need to encourage children to stick at things until they have worked them out and to even try to go further. A few tears might occur then we regroup and get our thinking back together. Perseverance is to be encouraged. Parents and teachers who help at every hurdle do little to assist children.

Parents need to let their children know it is okay to make mistakes, not everything has to be perfect and there is always more than one way to solve a problem.

So parents and teachers who learn to let go, who let mistakes happen and encourage children to become frustrated are really most helpful in the long run.

Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Director of Teaching and Learning T-6

YEAR 5 CAMP—WEDNESDAY, 29 AUGUST

Camp is fast approaching for our enthusiastic Year 5's. Get ready for lots of fun, laughter (and hopefully sleep!) as we approach this exciting milestone. The students are all very excited and should find out their cabin and activity groups by the end of this week.

Please email if you are concerned about anything to do with camp l.rockwell@wac.nsw.edu.au

PRIMARY DISCO IS ON TOMORROW!

The Old Wollondillians are hosting the Primary Disco again this year.

* Wear your favourite mask - nothing too gruesome.
* Friday night 23 August.
* 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm for Kindergarten-Year 2.
* 7.15 pm - 8.15 pm for Year 3-Year 6.
* $7.00 includes a drink and a packet of chips.
* Tickets available from the Office.

Parent helpers are required on the night, so if you can help out at either or both sessions please let me know. j.shaw@wac.nsw.edu.au. Thanks.

The Alumni Committee

PRESENT WRAPPING NIGHT - SAME NIGHT AS THE DISCO

If your children are attending the Disco, the P&F are having their Father’s Day gift stall wrapping night in the College Cafeteria from 6.00 pm until 8.15 pm. All “child-less” parents are welcome. The wrapping night is an activity of the P&F, so children not attending the disco will remain the responsibility of their parents.

P & F Committee
NEWS FROM THE INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRES

Book Parade: What a great day - the sun was shining and all the children were dressed up. We had a great time. Enjoy some of our photos:
Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013 - All entries for the PRC 2013 need to be completed online by the end of August.

Scholastic Book club - All orders have been given to the students. Any problems with issue 5 please let me know.

Live a life well read.

Mrs Louise Saint-John
IRC Coordinator
Our two middle school debating teams competed in the Quarter finals of the HICES debating competition last week. Both teams had progressed through the divisional rounds during terms one and two and gained a position in the finals series. The topics for the finals series gave us plenty of scope for research, focusing on issues in Indigenous education.

The Wollondilly Green team, made up of Eloise Roelandt, Nicholas Fleming, Murray Jobbins and Courtney Lange competed against Kinross Wolairi from Orange. The students travelled to Moriah College at Bondi Junction for the debate on Tuesday, 13 August. They presented a strong case but were narrowly defeated on the day.

Emily Baker, Jason Davies, Max Noakes and Maddison Traynor, who make up the Wollondilly White team, debated at the College on Friday, 16 August. This debate was especially challenging because our students were up against the team they met in the Grand Final last year - Emanuel College. This year, despite strong cases from both sides, the Emanuel debaters won the round and they will progress to the final.

As the HICES competition draws to a close I would like to congratulate the squad of 35 debaters, from Year 5 through to Year 10, who have represented the College with great commitment. Thanks must also go to Mr Matthews, Ms Huxtable, Mr Van Netten, Mrs Saint-John and Mrs Croger who coached the teams and adjudicated at the many different debates.

Mrs Wendy Croger
English Coordinator

AUF DEUTSCH BITTE!

Year 8 and elective German students recently competed in the ALC German Competition, which was a multiple choice competition to measure their listening and reading comprehension skills in German. We look forward to receiving their results early next term.

I am pleased to announce a second computer based German competition. Students will learn vocabulary to score points and compete against their friends and rivals from other schools. The vocabulary lists are based on the textbooks we use in class, so this is a fun way to revise for the yearly examinations in Term 4. All Wollondilly College students in Years 7 and 8, plus elective German students will be competing in the Language Perfect NSW State Competition. All students will receive a personal user name and password. Students will spend some time competing in class, but they will also be encouraged to compete at home.

There will be an iPod shuffle prize for the student at Wollondilly with the highest score. In addition, for every 50 points you earn, you will receive an entry into the prize draw for one of three $20 iTunes Vouchers. The top student from NSW will win a: $100 iTunes voucher. There are also prizes for the top class in the competition and the top school, by total points earned.

The competition starts at 8.00 am (NSW Time) on Monday, 9 September and ends at 8.00 pm (NSW Time) on Monday, 16 September. Only points scored during these times will count in the competition. Only points earned from Language Vocabulary will count in the competition.

Please encourage your son or daughter to log in during the Competition Week and earn points for the College, while revising some vocabulary for German too.

Remember “Monolingualism is curable! Learn another language.”

Mrs Carolyn Clark
German Teacher
Students had fun learning how to make invisible ink, ice necklaces, amazing detergent, slime, and erupting volcanos, as well as saw the demonstration of burning gunpowder, an ethanol cannon, a burning hanky, elephant’s toothpaste and an exploding hydrogen balloon.

Senior students also enjoyed highly competitive rounds of Australian scientific trivia, while primary were treated to a book reading from Year 9 students. The Year 9 students also had the opportunity to view Student Research Projects (SRPs) from Years 10 & 11.

Students also competed in a Paper Aeroplane Competition on Wednesday lunchtime, with fierce competition to throw their unaltered plane the furthest. Three winners were selected from each group, receiving merit cards for all and vouchers for 1st and 2nd.

From Years 7 & 8
1st Cameron Ricketts
2nd James Schluter
3rd Max Noakes

From Years 9 & 10
1st Thomas Shakeshaft
2nd Jarrod Wright
3rd William Lai

Years 5 & 6 will compete in their own aeroplane competition this week.

To finish off a wonderful week full of fun and exciting science, we held our very own NASA launch. After a disappointing start, we successfully launched one rocket twice to an estimated height of 150m, in the second half of lunch on the WACA Oval. A large number of students from Year 5 and up spectated.

Mr Simon Hirth
Laboratory Assistant

Volunteers are still required for the Fun Run. If your child is running in the event, please consider giving some of your time to help make everything run smoothly on the day.

You can register your assistance by filling in the ‘Country Fair Assistance’ form in the Waratah Weekly. Registrations for the Fun Run will be available in the wrapping room (next to Canteen) at this Friday night’s Disco

Thank you
P&F Committee
SECONDARY SPORT

Congratulations to Rebecca Ryan and Chantelle Ottaviani who represented the College at the CSSA gymnastics competition last week. Both girls competed excellently and Chantelle came third in her division.

It was an extremely tough round in MISA this week when we played Magdalene. The boys’ rugby league went down 22-0 and the girls soccer lost 7-0.

Next week in MISA we play John Therry. The girls’ netball teams will be playing at Coronation Park and the soccer and rugby league teams will be playing at their normal venues.

Boys’ Rugby League (Years 7&8) – St Gregorys, Campbelltown
Girls’ Soccer (Years 7-9) – Ron Dine, Camden
Girls’ Netball (Year 7 and Year 8) – Coronation Park, Minto

Upcoming dates:
NASSA AFL/Volleyball Gala day 30 August
AICES Athletics 2 September.

Mr Richard Madden
Secondary Sports Coordinator

PRIMARY SPORT

Just a reminder to those children selected, that the notes for NASSA Annual Athletics Carnival are due back to me ASAP.

Mr Stuart McIntosh
Primary Sports Coordinator
As was recently publicised, planning is now underway for a Community Service Trip to Vietnam in 2014. I was blessed to travel on this trip in 2012 and I welcomed an invitation from Mr Hicks to reminisce about the value of such an expedition.

For me the value in the Vietnam trip is threefold:

- **Community Service**: the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of seriously disadvantaged people is precious. In 2012 we were able to construct two secure homes for two large extended families that were, up until that point, living in houses made from scrap (literally). We were also able to offer a brief time of fun and emotional connection to a group of disabled orphan children. The gravity and meaning of these two exercises will stay with me forever.

- **Cultural Experience**: Where does one start? The climate, the food (especially in the village), the language (who knew ‘cam on nhieu’, pronounced ‘come on you’ meant ‘thank you very much!’), the friendly and genuinely interested locals, the pace of life (nice and easy), the history (Vietnam War and the French legacies), gee, even the geckos on my ceiling at night – all of this is still so vivid in my mind and a wonderful experience I count as my own. Moreover, it is a wonderful experience that I shared with the crew of 2012.

- **Fun**: the dinners out, the shopping (and that coming from a bloke!), the day out at China Beach, touring around Ho Chi Minh, cooking classes, boat rides on the Mekong River, relaxing at the hotel and just the excitement of international travel – all of this was great fun.

Can I offer my sincere and great encouragement to all students in Years 10 and 11 in 2014 to think about this Community Service Trip? It was superb, and I am sure 2014 will be the same.

**Mr Jay Hart**  
Secondary Teacher

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**YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION TO WOOGLEMAI**

On Wednesday, 28 August 2013, students from 9 Hope and 9 Grace will be travelling to the Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre as part of their field study requirement for Stage 5 Geography.

The centre is located within Nattai National Park and the Warragamba Water Supply Catchment. The students will investigate Australian plant and animal species and learn about local ecology and ecosystems. As part of the field study the students will conduct quadrant and transect studies in the field.

The students will travel by bus, leaving the College at 9.00 am (part way through Period 2) and returning by 2.30 pm. Students are required to wear their full winter sports uniform including cap and must bring all food and drink required for the day, as well as their diary and stationery.

Permission notes are due back to Mr Hart by Friday, 23 August.

**Mr Jay Hart**  
Secondary Teacher
Preliminary Biology Excursion to Mt Annan

On Friday, 23 August 2013 the Preliminary Biology class will attend an excursion to the Australian Botanic Gardens, Mt Annan. The excursion will depart the College at 8.30 am and return around 2.30 pm. We will be travelling by Road Coach bus.

Students must wear their full College uniform, and should bring their lunch, a hat, clipboard and writing materials.

Please ensure that your son/daughter has any required medications with them. These should be handed to Dr Bearlin for safe keeping and any medical conditions or food allergies noted.

Dr Rob Bearlin
Biology Teacher

HICES Music Festival 2013

Last Sunday, 11 August, 7 students from WAC travelled to Stanwell Tops Christian Conference Centre, after being accepted to attend the Year 5-8 HICES Music Festival. Nicholas Jeffreys (Yr 5), Gideon Meischke (Yr 5), Sarah Clark (Yr 5), Ella SaintJohn-Viney (Yr 6), Ethan Rudd (Yr 7), David Clark (Yr 8) and Maddy Traynor (Yr 8) were a part of a 340 student contingent from 24 schools.

Students were separated into seven different ensembles such as Concert Band, Stage Band, Symphonic Winds, String Orchestra, String Ensemble, Boys’ Choir and Girls’ Choir. The extensive rehearsal time over the three days at Stanwell Tops was exhausting with three or four hour-long rehearsals per day.

The camp was not only about performing and rehearsals! Students were able to do Archery, Giant Swing, Karting or Abseiling and they also competed in an exciting Trivia Night, which if memory serves, some Wollondilly students were in the winning team ... even beating the staff!!!

On Wednesday, 14 August, the students travelled to Sydney Town Hall to prepare for the exciting opportunity to perform on the stage of the Town Hall. It was a fantastic evening concert, showcasing the students hard work and diligent rehearsing and above all their enthusiasm for Music and performing.

At the conclusion of the various ensembles’ performances, all 340 students were involved in a combined item of Orchestra and Choir, specifically composed for the 25th Anniversary of HICES Music Festivals. This was truly a magnificent sight and triumphant sound for those in the audience!

I would like to congratulate those seven students on their accomplishments. Their maturity and excellent behaviour that they exemplified over the course of the HICES Festival.

Mr Lloyd Grant
Primary and Secondary Music Teacher
I am writing to remind you that our Term 3 Spring Working Bee is happening from 8.00 am till 4.00 pm on Saturday, 31 August and there are a number of jobs which need doing.

- The big job will be to clean up the whole College in preparation for the Country Fair on the 14th. This will include, weeding, clearing areas for car parking, as well as anything that will help our College to shine on the day.
- A new garden is going in across the bridge at the Flynn building and will be ready for planting and mulching during the Working Bee.
- We have entered the College gardens in the Wollondilly Shire Garden Competition so even though they are looking terrific, a general tidy up and weed will be in order on the day.
- There is an electronic organ in the music room which we have tried to give away with no success. It needs to be loaded on the ute and taken to the tip.
- The fire trail needs clearing of rocks and sticks in preparation for the Country Fair Fun Run.
- The College car park gutters can be swept to rid them of leaves which can then be put on the gardens as compost.
- There are lots of books to cover in Flynn 2 across the bridge from 9.00 am.
- Donations for the Country Fair White Elephant Stall as well as other items will be sorted out down in Fred’s Shed as well as other items for various stalls. Organising the gift baskets, sorting the lucky dips and compiling the cook books in preparation for the Country Fair are also jobs which need doing.
- During the Country Fair a number of helpers will be required to make it a huge success. It is the P&F’s biggest fundraiser and they need assistance from as many of us that they can get. If you can help for any part of the day, there are jobs below that we need helpers for.
  1. Carparking attendants before the Rural Fire Service arrive to take over.
  2. People to man stalls to give others a break.
  3. Helpers to set up from 6.30 am.
  4. Helpers to pack up from 3.00 pm till 6.00 pm depending on how much help we get.
  5. Rubbish bin emptiers.
  6. Toilet checkers.

There is a team of us who will be here for the entire 12 hour day so please let us know at the office if you would like to be a part of this team. Any help given will be very much appreciated.

Between now and then there could be more jobs found that need attending to so don’t forget as we only have a limited supply of gardening tools and equipment is important that you bring your own gardening tools, gloves and anything else you think might help on the day.

This is also a great opportunity for you to meet and work along side others within the College community.

As always Morning Tea will be provided by the Wollondilly Anglican Community Church and lunch will be provided by the P&F so come along with your tools and smiles with the intention of enjoying yourselves on the day.

Please remember College Policy on pets on College grounds and don’t bring them to the Working Bee.

Mr Fred Schroder
Property Manager
Country Fair – Saturday, 14 September

Information on the Country Fair and Golf Day can now be accessed on the WAC website under the Parents and Friends heading in the banner of the home page or by clicking on the Country Fair link as it scrolls across the home page under the banner. Information will be updated regularly until the event and will cover rides, attractions, areas for volunteer assistance, sponsor notifications, registration forms etc.

Mrs Danielle Turner
P&F President

Volunteers Needed!

Our Country Fair and Fun Run cannot be successful without the support of volunteers. A small flyer with be in this week’s Waratah Weekly for you to let us know where you would like to help out on the day or even beforehand. There are many different activities for parental assistance even for the children to help out if they wish. Any assistance is very much appreciated. You can also contact Lianne Williams on lianne@sproutscatering.com.au or 4648 0066 to register your name to help out.

This year’s 10th Anniversary event will be one not to be missed.

Rides Extravaganza!

Our new rides company “OCS Fun”, are family owned and have operated amusements at Sydney’s Royal Easter Show since 1976. They have been in business since 1969. You may have seen their rides in one of over 100 movies and television commercials including Babe 1, Babe 2, Ghost Rider, Hostage, Power Rangers, Double the Fist and Fox.

We have an exciting range of rides for all ages so there is something for everyone, keeping queues to a minimum. Armbands are $30 and provide up to 10 rides per person (equates to only $3 per ride!). Rides include: Dodgems, Gravitron, Trabant, Super Slide, Cup and Saucer, Train, Mini jet, Water balls and Free Fall. Please refer to the website: http://www.wac.nsw.edu.au/godaddy/index.php for more information e.g. height restrictions.

Armbands will be sold this Friday from 2.00 pm under the canteen awning. They are also available in the Canteen wrapping room during the disco this Friday evening. And will continue to be sold every Monday, Thursday and Friday (at 8.00 am and 2.00 pm).

White Elephant Stall Now Taking Donations.

Donations are requested for the White Elephant stall. We ask that all items be clean, working and saleable. We have found that used baby strollers, cots, capsules, electrical items etc do not sell, so it is appreciated that these are not placed in the stall.

Please take all items for white elephant stall to Fred’s Shed for storage, just leave them around the side of the shed under the washdown area. Thank you.

Cake and Coffee Stall

Any cake donations are very much appreciated to be sold at the cake and coffee stall. This stall is always very popular and thrives on homemade specialties. Find and make some of your special sweet treats (cakes, muffins, scones, etc) and bring them along before or on the day of the fair. Delivery will be made to the office on Friday, 13 September or to the canteen on Saturday 14 September.

Lucky Dip Stall

Now Taking Donations!

Don't forget to fill your small lucky dip bag which was distributed in the Waratah Weekly last week. We are asking for a suitable small donation to sell on the lucky dip stall for only $2.00. It is helpful to mark on the bag whether it is suitable for a boy or girl.

Photo Competition

Don't forget to enter your photos at the College Office. There are great prizes for each of the children's categories including toy and entertainment vouchers and a Christmas photo session for overall winners. Be in it to win it!
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LIFELONG LEARNING CENTRE FOR ADULTS

Theology
This term we are running the unit called ‘Promise to Fulfilment’ and participants are still welcome. (Exam in November is optional).

Introduction to Digital Photography
This course will be run in Term 4. I am currently taking names so please contact me as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

One Day Vegetable Gardening Course
This course will run on Saturday, 21 September 9.00 am till 3.00 pm ($90.00).

Half-Day Cookery Course
I am taking expressions of interest for a half a day cooking course for Saturday, 21 September. The theme is “A taste of Asia”.

Mrs Rhonda Hay
Lifelong Learning Facilitator

F.L.O.W.E.R.S. Canteen & Cafeteria

Canteen Roster
Friday 23/8 Angela Sarkis Judy Scholes
Monday 26/8 Judith Rigg
Tuesday 27/8 Help Needed
Wednesday 28/8 Susan Kellert
Thursday 29/8 Hannah Warland Gina Webber
Friday 30/8 Judy Scholes Natalie Traynor

Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy!

Mrs Carolyn Richards
• 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.

• The GIANTS AFL NSW/ACT - All students and their families are invited to the GIANTS take on Richmond, Sunday, 25 August at 3.15 pm at SKODA Stadium Sydney, Olympic Park. For more information email ticketking@gwsgiants.com.au or call 1300 442 687.

• Parenting Courses Term 3 - For more information on Parenting courses within Liverpool, Fairfield and Macarthur areas please visit www.resourcingparents.nsw.gov.au.

• Foster Care Association NSW - If you are interested in becoming a foster carer, visit www.fcansw.org.au or email; shaz@fca.org.au.

• Dingo Sanctuary - Situated in the Wirrimbirra Sanctuary, Bargo. Visit to the Sanctuary must be by appointment. To book a visit call: 0419 488 680 or 4681 9436

• Mittagong Cricket Club is seeking senior and junior players for the 2013-14 Cricket Season. Registration at Welby Cricket ground each Sunday in September 2013 between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm. Pre-season training will occur on these days as well. For further information please contact the club President on 0431 159 838

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.

WAC CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to Georja Freeman (Year 4) who placed 2nd in her Jazz Solo last Sunday in the 'Macarthur has Talent' Competition.

Shelee Freeman-Banister's (Kindergarten) also competed in the 'Macarthur has Talent’ Competition and took out first place for her Junior Tap Solo.

Well done to both girls!!
HEADMASTERLY HAPPENINGS

August

Thursday 22  
Student interviews 2014  
College Executive Meeting  
College Photo Day

Friday 23  
Student interviews 2014  
Meeting with the College Architect  
Opening of the Wollondilly Anglican College Arena (WACA)

Monday 26 
Student interviews 2014

Tuesday 27  
Parliament House in Macquarie Street

Wednesday 28  
MISA Year 10 Public Speaking  
Executive Meeting  
Student interviews 2014

Thursday 29  
Student interviews 2014  
(Evening) Visit Year 5 Camp

Friday 30  
Student interviews 2014  
Father’s Day stall

Saturday 31  
College Working Bee

September

Sunday 1  
Father’s Day

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Wollondilly Anglican Community Church (WACC) meets in the Clifford Warne Auditorium every Sunday at 9.00 am.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:24
Life can easily become a fight to beat others, chasing the best marks or the best job or the best opportunities or the best stuff. While that might work sometimes, it can feel very lonely if we've climbed over others to get there. Instead, it's worth considering how we all benefit when we put our energy into encouraging each other rather than beating each other. Bringing out the best in those around us will always bring out our own best.

Rev. Rob Meischke 0437533106
It’s a meeting of the minds!!
This week’s Pretend Headmaster Jack Craft (KS), runs through the program for the opening of the WACA this Friday, with Mr Schroder, Mr Dubois and Mr O’Connell.

Prayer Points

Thank God

- For the kindness and courage of Jesus
- For the provision of this College for those who work here and learn here
- That we live in a country where we can elect our political leaders

Ask God

- For kindness and courage as we face the trials of the day
- For wisdom as we interview staff for 2014
- That He may continue to bless us with shining students in academic pursuits, on the sporting fields and as citizens of our community

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

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