The recent trip to Germany was filled with exciting places. There were castles and town halls, (monuments to a glorious past), concentration camps and war trial museums (reminders of evil), mixed with all the hallmarks of the world economic powerhouse that has emerged from the ashes. Germany is our largest European trading nation. Learning German is helpful for fully understanding English (English is a Germanic language). As the students (and Headmaster) bumbled over ordering food or asking for directions, the German people were happy to give their time. More often than not, our students were speaking in German and being answered in English.

It was great to catch up on the students who had recently been in Australia on exchange at Wollondilly. They were very excited to welcome us to their turf and show us the sights. Just as the German students were amazed at the freedom of choice our students have for the HSC (only English is compulsory), our students were amazed that all German students must study History, German and Maths for their HSC equivalent, and that Politics was a very popular subject in Germany.

Why is History mandated in Germany and the study of Politics so common? Here is a speculative answer. It is said that those who ignore the lessons of History are bound to repeat them. Few countries have a more compelling history in recent times than Germany. It is important to them. It contains lessons that they are determined never to forget. German families lost sons and daughters to a megalomaniac's ambition just as Australians did. Some struggle to forgive. But amongst the ruins of a broken nation, worse was to come. Small children who stayed overnight at Grandma’s were trapped away from mum and dad, brothers and sisters between 1961 and 1989 (18 YEARS) by a wall erected on 13, August 1961 without warning overnight by a flawed communist ideology which shot its own people rather than have them escape to freedom in the west; a no-go zone, enforced by searchlight and bullet.

Yet from a nation on its knees, there emerged a great hope. In what has become an anthem reflecting the emotion of the demolition of the disgusting wall, a German rock group, The Scorpions, wrote the following words in their song *Wind of Change*, written for a performance in Moscow, Russia, to a standing ovation -

*The world is closing in / Did you ever think / That we could be so close, like brothers / The future's in the air / I can feel it everywhere / Blowing with the wind of change / Take me to the magic of the moment / On a glory night / Where the children of tomorrow dream away in the wind of change / Walking down the street / Distant memories / Are buried in the past forever*

It is a song that records history but looks through it towards a new hope and a brighter future. Have a listen on Youtube – you may need a tissue or two.

Amidst the excitement of engaging with a new, vibrant and welcoming culture, it was important for our students to challenge and consider their own values and beliefs through the lens of that culture’s history. There but for the grace of God go we.

My father-in-law was a prisoner of war in Germany.

*Damit wir es nicht vergessen (Lest we Forget).*
2015 ENROLMENTS UNDERWAY

We are now accepting applications for all years for 2015. Please see me at the College Office to pick up your application package. Interviews have commenced for secondary student positions. Limited vacancies are available in some years for 2014 so if you, or someone you know, is hoping to enrol their child here for 2014, please submit your application ASAP.

2015 SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic, Music and Dance Scholarships for 2015 are now open. Visit the Administration section of our website to submit your application. Applications will close Monday, 10 February 2014 LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT be accepted. All students sitting for a scholarship will be required to sit the ACER Scholarship Test. Contact me if you require further information.

O DAY

Orientation:
The day will be an excellent opportunity for students going into Transition, Kindergarten and Year 7 as well as all new students arriving into other year groups. The clothing pool will be open on the day and the P&F will generously be cooking a bbq on the morning. I encourage all students enrolled in Transition, Kindergarten and Year 7 in 2014 to attend the morning.

Open:
Our Open Day is an opportunity for future students of the College to come and visit us with their families and enjoy a tour around the College. Our classrooms will be open to showcase our high-quality facilities and specialised staff. Invite your family and friends- ALL WELCOME!

Mrs Christine Mozejko
Development Manager
Tomorrow all students in Year 7 will be travelling to the Minnamurra Rainforest Centre to view and study what is a rare remnant of rainforest in the Illawarra region. Minnamurra is particularly special because of the diversity of rainforest types, the range of ferns, and the diversity of wildlife that exists within a relatively small area.

This excursion fulfils part of the Stage 4 Geography syllabus requirement for fieldwork.

**Important information:**
- Leaving at 8.10 am and returning by 2.30 pm
- Wear full sports uniform (inclusive of tracksuit top and bottom)
- Bring College diary, stationery, clipboard (if possible)
- NO canteen facilities available so BRING all food and drink
- Cost is included in the College Service Fee

Mr Jay Hart
Secondary Teacher

**VIETNAM TRIP**

Last night the information night for the Vietnam Trip was held. Mr. Hart shared some insights and memories of the last trip and Mr Ian Rockwell of Boomerang Adventures provided information to parents and students regarding the up-coming trip.

The community service work that the students will be completing was highlighted as well as the life-changing nature of the trip. If you were unable to attend the evening but are thinking about attending the mission trip please see Mr Hicks for an information sheet.

If you are planning to go to Vietnam please remember that a $200 deposit needs to be paid to the front office by Wednesday, 30 October so that the College can book numbers.

Thanks to Mr Hart, Mr Rockwell and Ms Huxtable for their time attending the evening.

Mr Tim Hicks

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**NU-ERA Homes**

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**Tahmoor Coal**

Thank you for the ongoing support.
Examinations 5-10
Years 5-10 Exams commencing Friday, 1 November to Friday, 8 November.

2013 NAPLAN Results
The NAPLAN results will be mailed to parents this week. If you have any questions about the results or what they mean for your child, please contact the College. For parents of Year 3 and 5 students please contact Ms Huxtable. For Year 7 and 9 Literacy contact Mrs Croger. For Year 7 and 9 Numeracy contact Mr Hicks.

October Literacy and Numeracy Tests – Year 10 and 11 Students
Year 10 and Year 11 students who are planning to leave the College prior to May 2014 are encouraged to sit the Literacy and Numeracy tests in October this year. The test window is from Thursday, 24 October to Wednesday, 30 October 2013. Please note the test is optional.

If students intend sitting the tests they need to let Mr Croger know by Monday, 21 October.

Preparation for Examinations — Study Skills
Over the next few weeks, in the lead up to the Semester 2 Examination block, students from Years 5 to 10 will be undertaking a Study Skills program during Roll Call and an extended Pastoral Care period next.

Students will work through strategies which contribute to effective study habits. These include –

- Factors that weaken and strengthen students ability to study effectively
- Effective study environments
- Motivation
- Time Management
- Organisation
- Different study techniques
- Preparing for Exams

Tips for Exams - College Diary
Students should also receive an examination outline and some study tips from their classroom teachers. The College Diary has some useful information on study and preparation for exams.

Adolescents and Sleep
An important factor in academic performance is ensuring that students get enough sleep. Many teenagers are sleep deprived. They need a minimum of nine hours sleep, but it seems, many get only 7 ½ hours sleep per night. Sleep cannot be accumulated for the future. A young person can’t sleep for 12 hours to put some hours in the sleep bank. They can, however, sleep for 12 hours when they are sleep deprived.

The biological sleep clock shifts for young people. Up till age 10 kids tend to wake up fresh and ready for the day. For teens their clock has shifted. Many wake up feeling tired and irritable as their sleep clock says they should still be sleeping early in the morning.

For most teens there is a ‘forbidden sleep zone’ around 9 or 10 o’clock at night. They are alive and alert at these times. Ironically, as their parents move toward middle age their sleep clocks shift forward and they just want to sleep at these times. Teens tend to have a sleep trough in the afternoon but peak up at night.

Sleep helps consolidate learning. Sleep research has shown that the brain practises and consolidates what it has learned during the day when they are asleep. So not only does sufficient sleep help future learning by ensuring a student is fresh, it consolidates past learning.

It is a good idea to ensure that all electronic devices are switched off when it is time to go to sleep. This is difficult for those teenagers who feel that their phone is an actual extension of their body and putting it aside and turning it off would be like cutting of their hand. The incoming messages can disturb their sleep and there is also the temptation to be sending messages late in the evening. This applies to other electronic devices as well.


Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster
K-8 Buddies
On Friday, 11 October K-8 Buddies met for their second last session for 2013. It was a very active session with lots of outside activities and games happening across the College. The program has one further session that is scheduled for later in the year, but has been very well received by the students involved. On the morning of Buddies there was a very enthusiastic cheer from K-3 students on the assembly area and this enthusiasm was maintained through the activities of the morning.

It has been a great program to develop connections with students in different year groups across the College and providing the younger students with an opportunity to develop a friendship with an older student and the older student an opportunity to develop some leadership skills. Thank you to the Secondary and Primary teachers who are involved in facilitating the program and to Mrs Keen and Mrs Rockwell for being the driving forces from the Pastoral Team both behind the scenes and during the running of the program. (Please see next page for some great Buddies photos).

Uniform – Reminders
The following are some uniform reminders to ensure students do not place themselves at risk of receiving uniform infringements. Students and parents should familiarise themselves with the guidelines and expectations with regards to uniform.

- No chains, rings, ankle or wrist bracelets,
- Earrings for Girls only. One gold or silver sleeper or stud in each earlobe only,
- Boys need to ensure they are clean shaven,
- Boys should wear a plain black leather belt,
- Sports Shoes should be predominately white, lace up joggers/running shoes,
- Sports socks should be plain white and be above the ankle in length.

SRC
The SRC this Term will be looking at a target area of how to increase service opportunities at the College. A couple of areas have been identified to work on this Term to enact this aim. The first is service in the form of serving in the Canteen on a regular basis. The second is through the organisation and running of a lunch-time sports competition to a targeted Year group. There will also be support provided to the African Aids Foundation which has been selected to receive the funds raised in our Term 4 Mufti-Day on Thursday, 12 December.

The SRC also welcomes the new Year 3-5 Reps for Term 4, 2013. I look forward to continuing to work with our wonderful Primary representatives.

Mr Liam Toland
Director of Pastoral Care T-12
Primary Matters

Year 6 Progress Dinner Information and Meeting Notes,

Dear Parents,
To celebrate the end of Primary schooling we have a Year 6 Progress Dinner.

Date: Friday, 6 December.
Time: 5.30 pm — 6.30 pm: Graduation ceremony. Parents welcome.
       6.30 pm — 8.30 pm: Dinner. Students and staff only.

Regards,
Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Director of Teaching and Learning T-6

Term 4 SRC Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who will be our Term 4 SRC Representatives.

Year 3 Hope
   Lilly Cadevski
   Joshua Phillips

Year 3 Faith
   Amaryia Warland
   Joel Looyen

Year 4 Hope
   Harry Lockyer
   Hayley Smith

Year 4 Faith
   Kirsten Starr
   Liam Nelson

Grandparents’ & Grandfriends’ Day

Traditionally Grandparents’ and Grandfriends’ Day has been an exciting event for the students in the Junior School. The Students love to show their special visitors all the fun and excitement life at Wollondilly can provide. With this in mind we ask our Mums and Dads to be mindful that it is for special Grandparents and Grandfriends. We understand that whilst this time is special for most it can be a sensitive time for some of our families.

Please speak with your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions regarding Grandparents’ day. We are most accommodating to all our students, families and special visitors’ needs.

We look forward to spending a lovely morning with all our Grandparents and Grandfriends on Friday, 25 October.

Please note that due to this occasion there will be no weekly Chapel service on the Thursday afternoon.

Mrs Krystine Keen
Pastoral Care Co-ordinator (T-4)
**Bookfair:** The annual Grandparents' Day Bookfair is on from Wednesday, 23 October to Wednesday, 30 October. The bookfair is open at lunchtimes and after College hours until 3.30 pm for all students. It will be set up in Sturt but will be under the sails for the Grandparents day and Orientation Day.

**Contact – Book covering:** An insert is included with this newsletter for ordering contact. If you wish to purchase contact please return the form and money to the front office by Thursday, 14 November. No orders will be taken after this date.

Live a life well read.

Mrs Louise Saint-John
IRC Coordinator

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**STAGE 2 ENVIROMENTORS**

On Tuesday, 15 October Stage 2 had a visit from an EnviroMentor from the organisation *Keep Australia Beautiful.* This program was sponsored by Wollondilly Shire Council. We had a great time exploring composting and recycling through interactive hands-on activities. The students must be commended for their excellent behavior and manners which were commented on by our visitor.

Some things that we learnt:
- Food waste can make up 50% of the waste in your garbage bin.
- Throwing food waste in the bin creates methane at landfills, which contributes to climate change.
- When composting, you must ensure that you have twice as much brown waste as green waste. If your compost smells or attracts unwelcome animals, it is usually because this ratio is incorrect.
- The best food scraps for composting are fruits and vegetables but you can also put in leaves, grass clippings, paper, eggshells, fingernails and hair.

Stage 2 Teachers
"The German trip was a great success, everyone had fun. We saw lots of cities and wonderful buildings. The walking tours were enjoyable. The girls loved to shop until they dropped in a few cities we visited. The landmarks we saw were both amazing and intriguing, and one place was a bit confronting (Dachau). In most of the cities a new fad has taken place, putting locks on bridges to symbolize your love. The trip was wonderful, everyone enjoyed themselves and the host families were wonderful." Ben Spooner.

"When the trip was first proposed it seemed a long way off, then suddenly, four weeks ago the trip began. We saw awesome sites such as Neuschwanstein castle, the cathedral in Cologne and the Brandenburg Gate. Other sites were harder, but possibly more important to see, like Dachau, Concentration Camp. Throughout the trip, we all grew closer and now all share experiences that only we will understand. It was a great opportunity to speak German, whether it was ordering lunch, understanding classes at our link school or really random things - like asking a man if we could take a photo on his bike for the Amazing Race in Frankfurt. I hope the German trip runs again and I'd really recommend it." Emily Clark.

The Brandenburg Gate that was fenced off to separate East Germany (communist) from West Germany between 1961 and 1989.
In August some Year 8 and most elective German students competed in the German Competition, which is run by the Australian Council for Educational Research. The results are in and students from Wollondilly have done very well. It was extraordinary that of the 80 Wollondilly students who competed over 66% received either a Credit or a Distinction. Congratulations must go to the following students.

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Last term Wollondilly students also competed in the Language Perfect Competition, where every 50 points earned students a chance to win an i-pod shuffle. Competition was fierce and certificates will be issued soon. However, the winner of the i-pod shuffle was Marie-Luise Meier-Kapavale.

Mrs Carolyn Clark
Language Teacher
THE TIME HAS COME TO GET YOUR FORMS IN!!!

Please make sure your expression of interest forms are back to the office on or before Friday, 18 October. The tour is open to students from Year 7, 2014 to Year 12, 2014. If you need another expression of interest form please see Mr Denley.

A reminder that Vocal Ensemble is on Monday afternoons from 2.45 pm to 4.15 pm, Band is on Tuesday afternoons 2.45 pm to 4.15 pm, Drum Corp, Wednesday Lunchtime in Melba 1, Guitar Ensemble Thursday Lunchtime in Melba 1, Senior String Ensemble after College on Friday 2.45 pm to 4.15 pm.

The Vocal Ensemble has a concert on Saturday, 9 November starting at 4.00 pm at Picton Anglican Church. Students will need to arrive by 2.30 pm for rehearsal at the church on the day. More details will follow.

On Sunday, 17 November Georgia Davis with the String Ensemble, drums, bass and piano are performing at Picton Botanic Gardens for a service to commemorate servicemen and women who have given their life to protect the community. Please come to the commemorative service to support the amazing work our Police and other law enforcement officers do for our community.

Have a great term; remember to get involved in all the great opportunities available to you.

See Mr Grant or Mr Denley if you want to set up music lessons for next year, or even this term if you want to start right away.

Mr Simon Denley
Creative Arts Coordinator

BAND NEWS!!

Last year the NSW Police Band visited Wollondilly Anglican, providing students in the College Band with the opportunity to workshop alongside professional musicians and further developing their musical skills. Wollondilly invited Thomas Hassall Anglican and Arndell Anglican bands along. This year Thomas Hassall is reciprocating!!

The College Band has been invited to another workshop and concert to be held at Thomas Hassall Anglican on Tuesday, 12 November. It is another exciting opportunity to develop and showcase the musical skills of the College Band abroad. Students in the College Band are asked to note this date in their diaries and permission notes and further information will be relayed to you in due course.

Mr Lloyd Grant
Music Teacher
Sign on sheets available outside Mr Denley’s office.

U-TURN THE WHEEL

Today Year 11 students attended the U-Turn the Wheel day at Victoria Park Picton. The day involved learning about road safety from police and council officers. Students also learnt about sharing the road with heavy vehicles and basic car maintenance.

All very important for young road users who are over represented in crash statistics. A good day was had by all!

Mr Colin Powter
**Bus Shelters and Signature Pavers**

During the holidays we installed three new bus shelters adjacent to our bus bay. As you can see by the photo, the students are already using them to wait for the late bus after Homework Club on Wednesdays. The shelters provide protection from the elements for students waiting for parents after school as well.

The 10 Year celebration signature pavers were also laid by Sean Shakeshaft and his team from Taverner Landscapes, east of the front carpark. Please feel free to wander on the path and around the garden to read the many names of families and people who purchased their personalised pavers.

This area, as well as the new bus shelters, look fabulous and finish off the landscaping projects for this year.

Mr Fred Schroder  
Property Manager

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**ESSA (Essential Secondary Science Assessment)**

ESSA is an online Science assessment for Year 8. It is compulsory for Government Schools and optional for Independent Schools.

In 2013, Year 8 students from Wollondilly Anglican College will be doing the examination. This examination allows the College to evaluate our Science programs, although students will also receive individual reports as well.

Students will do a 20 minute Readiness Test during class time in Week 2, requiring them to bring their earphones. The actual ESSA examination will be run in Week 6 (Monday, 11 November — Friday, 15 November). Students will receive further information closer to the sitting date.

Dr Andrew Eaton  
Science Coordinator
**SECONDARY SPORT**

Congratulations to our athletes who attended the All Schools Athletics Carnival last weekend. Marie-Luise was in the shot-put that was held on Friday throwing a distance of 9.88m which is her Personal Best and placed her 12th overall. Her sister Grace competed well with results in the 12yrs Discus, Shot-put and 200m. Steven Harriman had great results in his events, the 14yrs High Jump, 200m, 400m (coming 4th and running his Personal Best), Discus and 100m and having a very busy weekend, along with Connor Dymond who competed in the 16yrs 200m, Javelin, High Jump and 400m.

A huge congratulations goes to Connor Dymond, who has made it to the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in the Javelin (March 2014). On Saturday, he placed an amazing 2nd, throwing a distance of 45.55m! Congratulations to Connor, see his photos below.

In other news the MISA teams had mixed results. The Year 8 & 9 cricket team had a narrow loss going down 78 - 73. The boys Oztag won 4 - 0 whilst the girls just missed out losing 2-1. Both Volleyball teams had draws.

Next week in MISA (22/10). We play St Benedicts College.
- Oztag (Years 7-9 Girls & Boys) – Kayess Park, Minto
- Volleyball (Years 7-9 Girls & Boys) – WAC
- Cricket (Year 7 and years 8&9) – Tahmoor nets

**Mr Richard Madden**  
Secondary Sports Coordinator

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**PRIMARY SPORT**

Yesterday we started the annual College Sport swimming program.

Our first IPSSO game for the term resumes next Wednesday

**Mr Stuart McIntosh**  
Primary Sports Coordinator
GOLF DAY

Golf Day is fast approaching on Tuesday, 5 November. The day is shaping up to be a real winner in terms of fundraising and friend raising. Volunteers are still needed to make the day a success. The is a list of the jobs that we need help with and the times. If you are available for even part of the day, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Pam Egan on 4683 3838, 0425 766 281 or pamela.egan@bigpond.com if you are able to help.

- BBQ: 6.30 am - 8.30 am
- Drinks stall: 8.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Registration desk: 7.30 am - 8.30 am
- Monitoring the competitions: 8.30 am - 11.30 am

COUNTRY FAIR REVIEW

Your feedback is welcome at the P&F Country Fair 2013 Review, 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm Monday, 21 October in the College Cafeteria.

The review is purely an information gathering exercise of what went well and what we can improve next year. All are welcome!

Mrs Danielle Turner
P&F President

STOP PRESS !!!

Athlete’s Foot at Macarthur Square are offering our families an amazing deal. On the same night as the LOWES Promotion (Wednesday, 20 November 2.00 pm to 7.00 pm), Athlete’s Foot will be offering a 10% discount on all footwear purchased!
Canteen Roster:

Friday 18/10  Judy Scholes  HELP NEEDED
Monday 21/10  Michelle Morris  HELP NEEDED
Tuesday 22/10  HELP NEEDED PLEASE!
Wednesday 23/10  Susan Kellert  HELP NEEDED
Thursday 24/10  Sarah Wadley  Julie Smith
Friday 25/10  Lesley Bramich  Judy Scholes
Monday 28/10  Peta Noakes  HELP NEEDED
Tuesday 29/10  Michelle Clark  HELP NEEDED
Wednesday 30/10  HELP NEEDED  HELP NEEDED
Thursday 31/10  Virginia Williams  HELP NEEDED
Friday 1/11  Judy Scholes  Natalie Traynor

If you would like to put your name down for the canteen roster we have vacant spots available. You can do half a day (8.00 am till 11.00 am) or (11.00 am till 2.00 pm) or a full day. One, two, three or four days a term, whatever you can manage would be very much appreciated and lighten the load for our wonderful band of faithful volunteers.

If you want an easier day choose a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

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.

**Pink Night In “80’s Theme”**: Saturday, 19 October at Bargo Sports Club, 6.30 pm. For more information and Tickets call Bronwyn Ainsworth Ph: 0425 281 031.

**Gingerbread House Making Night**: St Paul’s Women’s Group is holding its annual Gingerbread House Making Night, Saturday, 30 November at Bargo Community Hall. Tickets on sale until 21 November $25.00. For more information contact Lynnette 0458 343 280 or Jeanene 4684 2062. Supper provided.

**Learning Difference Convention**: An event for head teachers, teachers, students, parents, psychologists, speech pathologists, occupational therapists and those with learning difficulties, which includes: Workshops by experts (23 seminars over two days); reliable information and professional advice. Date: Friday, 1 November & Saturday 2, November 2013. Time: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. Where: Sydney Exhibition and Convention Centre, Darling Harbour. Cost: $20.00 entry (Seniors and children under 18 free) Teacher identified Professional Development – counts towards PD accreditation. www.learningdifferenceconvention.com

**Wollondilly Arts Group Annual Exhibition**: Is being held at the Picton Shire Hall, Menangle Street on the Saturday, 16 November to Sunday, 24 November 10.00 am—4.00 pm. Grand Opening will be on Saturday, 16 November 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm. For more information please call 4683 0808.

**The Southern Highlands Christmas Fair**: Will be on Saturday, 7 December and Sunday, 8 December from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. At Southern Highlands Wines (corner of the Illawarra Highway and Oldbury Road, Sutton Forest). On the day there will be up to 200 Arts, Craft, Fashion, Homewares and Produce Stalls. The Fair requires stallholders who sell the following trees & shrubs, orchids, fruit & vegetables, vegetable seedlings, pottery & ceramics. For more information please call Phillip or Karen on 4868 2263.

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

### October

**Thursday 17**  
U-Turn the Wheel Day  
College Executive Meeting  
Student Enrolment Interviews 2015

**Friday 18**  
Student Enrolment Interviews 2015

**Monday 21**  
Junior Presentation Night Planning Meeting  
Student Enrolment Interviews 2015

**Tuesday 22**  
Student Enrolment Interviews 2015

**Wednesday 23**  
Middle Presentation Night Planning Meeting  
College Executive Meeting  
Student Enrolment Interviews 2015

**Thursday 24**  
Student Enrolment Interviews 2015  
Staff Meeting

**Friday 25**  
Grandparents’ Day  
Student Enrolment Interviews 2015

**Saturday 26**  
Orientation Day and Open Day

**Sunday 27**  
Heads of Independent Co-Educational Schools (HICES) Meeting

### Calendar Update

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### Dates to Remember!

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Wollondilly Anglican Community Church (WACC) meets in the Clifford Warne Auditorium every Sunday at 9am

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

One of the really exciting things about adoption is the matter of choice. When parents adopt children, they are very deliberate about wanting them and choosing to love them. And those decisions are made, long before they meet and long before the child realises. God has put a lot of love and a lot of work and a lot of sacrifice into adopting us as his sons and daughters, including us in his family by choice. So, join us this Sunday for our weekly family get-together.

Rev. Rob Meischke 0437533106
PRAYER POINTS

Thank God

• That He is the God of the past, present and future
• For safety on the German Trip
• For the warmth of the reception that we received from Christian families so far from home
• For the hard work of our Parents’ and Friends’ Executive and Committees in building community and reducing tuition fees.

Ask God

• That He will continue the healing process for the German nation
• That our partnership with Firstwald Gymnasium will grow and flourish
• That we will be mindful of the lessons of the past when making decisions that affect our future (and the future of others).

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.