I can’t throw

I really can’t. Well … of course I can throw; it’s just that I don’t seem to have the correct technique or requisite muscles to be the “go to person” for heaving a rescue ring out into the ocean if someone’s life depended on it. It would be more likely to clear the railings of the upper deck and scorch the rescue worker on the deck below (despite my best efforts). I hated being on the boundary in cricket. My quick pace to the ball confused the batsman, but only the first time. The sight of our wicket keeper sprinting towards the throw gave the opposition some solace for future running decisions.

There was a dilapidated building near our old school. One group of boys would pass one side and peg the ball over the roof to the other boys who caught it and returned it. My best ever effort hit the guttering and returned at an awkward angle amidst jeers and guffaws from my “mates.”

There were four options to deal with such a debilitating limitation –

1. Stay at school and do homework to avoid the game
2. Get lessons in throwing and practice
3. Feign injury or a degenerative muscle condition that specifically affects throwing muscles
4. Seek to deflect attention on the weaknesses of another.

Sadly, the simplest solution seemed to be the latter. I have come to regret that decision. His name was Greeny and his speed in intellectual matters was balanced with a commensurate lack of speed in physical matters.

“Catch it Greeny” I would yell – throwing the ball a little to the left and watching his rendition of slo-mo in real time. “Greeny is about to start the 100 metres. Put the stop watch away and get the calendar ready.”

Sad stuff. Greeny kept ignoring the jibes, or laughing them off with good humour. He was a good bloke (probably still is) and we all liked him. He went on to be a very successful Architect.

Greeny taught me a lesson. Do your best and don’t get upset by the peanuts who seek to bring you down in life – mostly because they are feeling the pinch themselves. Like most things that are intuitively correct, I could have benefited in those days from a better understanding of God’s word –

Romans 12: 3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

It is common for Board of Studies Inspectors or visitors from other schools to marvel at (not just comment on) the myriad of different opportunities available to students in academic, sporting and cultural areas. Explore the possibilities. If an area is not a talent – persist. If an area is a talent – persist as well.

I can’t throw: Who cares!
Thank you to everyone who came along to O Day! The day was a great success and it was wonderful to welcome so many new families into the College. It was especially fantastic to see so many of our current families there on the day; learning more about the College and sharing their wisdom with newcomers.

The students having their Orientation for 2014 were thoroughly entertained in their respective groups, gaining new skills and friendships and getting ready for the big year ahead.

Thank you once again to our P&F who graciously gave up their morning to be here and provide a delicious BBQ. Thanks also to Mr Schroder who was here early Saturday morning and one of the last out the gate (and didn't stop the whole time).

**College Photos:**

Photos have been received at the College from, MSP and all students should now have received their orders. If you haven't yet received your photo's, please see your child's classroom teacher (Primary) or Year Patron (Secondary).

All students also received a special order form with their photos which lists any additional photos that they appeared in eg debating, stream watch, whole College photo. If you would like to order one of these photos, please return the envelope with correct payment by Friday, 8 October.

*Samples of the photos are available for viewing at the College office if you would like to see them before ordering.*

*Family Photos have also arrived and can be collected from the Office.*

*Please direct all photo enquiries to MSP on 02 9499 6555.*

Mrs Christine Mozejko  
Development Manager

**Thank you to our wonderful Sponsors**
Golf Day is fast approaching on **Tuesday, 5 November**. The day is shaping up to be a real winner in terms of fundraising and friendraising.

Volunteers are still needed to make the day a success. Below 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. Its great fun—lots of laughs!

- 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

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**Mrs Danielle Turner**  
P&F President

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**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**

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**TAHMOOR COAL**  
**THANK YOU FOR THE ONGOING SUPPORT.**
Examinations 5-10
Years 5-10 Exams commencing Thursday, 31 October to Friday, 9 November
Students should have received a copy of the Examination timetable in last week’s issue of the Waratah Weekly.

Students in Years 7-10 should speak to their Year Patron if they missed out on receiving an examination timetable.

PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS DURING EXAMINATIONS (7-10)

1. **Equipment** - Students should line up outside the exam room and enter in a quiet and orderly fashion under the direction of a teacher. They should have all the necessary equipment needed for each exam – pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, Board of Studies approved calculator. This equipment must be carried in a clear pencil case or clear A4 plastic sleeve. Students are not allowed to borrow equipment during an exam. They are required to bring their diary into the exam room and place it on the floor near their exam desk. Students should not bring any other written material into the examination room.

2. Students should line up outside the exam room in class groups. For exams in the auditorium students are to line up and wait on the grassed area near the pedestrian crossing. They are to enter in a quiet and orderly fashion. Years 7 to 10 are seated alphabetically or in the order determined by the lead exam supervisor. They are to fill the rows from the front first.

3. **Students should NOT:**
   - talk once inside the examination room;
   - move around once they have sat at an examination table;
   - borrow equipment;
   - attempt to copy another student’s work or obtain an answer which is not their own work
   - bring in any notes, diagrams, etc.;
   - place completed pages on the floor beside them;
   - bring in food (water in clear plastic containers is permitted).
   - go to the toilet during an examination – except in emergencies
   - leave the examination room before being dismissed;
   - leave rubbish behind them;
   - be late.

**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.

**Staff Professional Development Days – Thursday, 14 November and Friday, 15 November**
These are pupil free days where the staff have an opportunity to undertake professional development activities. Areas included:

- Using Data to drive Teaching and Learning – AIS consultant.
- Developing the New Curriculum through the ‘Eyes of Faith’.
- Planning and Programming for the new National Curriculum
- Pastoral Care planning 2014
- Chemical Safety Training

**Mr Ian Croger**
Deputy Headmaster
Term 4 – Important Dates

The following are some of the important dates to be aware of in Term 4, 2013. The dates listed below focus on Student Leadership Training, Staff Professional Development and Formal Assemblies/Presentation Evenings:

- Thursday, 31 October – MISA Leadership Seminar
- Friday, 8 November – Elevate Leadership Training
- Thursday, 14 November – Staff Professional Development
- Friday, 15 November – Staff Professional Development
- Thursday, 28 November – Junior Formal Assembly (Years T-4)
- Friday, 29 November – Middle Formal Assembly (Years 5-8)
- Tuesday, 3 December – Junior Presentation Night (Years K-4)
- Wednesday, 4 December – Senior Formal Assembly (Years 9-12)
- Tuesday, 10 December – College Presentation Night (Years 9-12)
- Wednesday, 11 December – Middle Presentation Night (Years 5-8)

SRC

As part of SRC discussions across the course of the year a number of excellent ideas with regards to the continued development of the College have been proposed. The SRC raised the idea of covered bus shelters at the College and these can now be clearly seen in our College bus bay area. A further proposed suggestion from the SRC was with that the College might consider purchasing a bus for use with the varied experiences that are on offer at the College. I am pleased to report that through the thoughtful presentation of these ideas at meetings that the College will not only be purchasing one bus, but have purchased three that will be used for a range of excursions and extra-curricular activities from 2014. One of the buses will be a 28 seater bus and the other two will be 12 seater buses, fantastic additions to enhance the many programs on offer.

I would like to commend the SRC on their continued diligence in looking at both how we can positively impact both the world around us and make a difference in our own College.

Student Drivers

As many of our new Year 12 students progress toward attaining their licence, students are reminded about the following:

- Prior to driving to the College, attain, complete and return a Driving to the College Form from Mr Toland.
- For any passengers that will be riding in the vehicle a Passenger Form needs to be completed prior to travelling with a student driver. This form is also available from Mr Toland.
- Student drivers will have their details recorded and will be issued with a Driving to School Pass.
- Students should park in the student carpark area and cannot access their vehicle during the College day without permission from a staff member.
- Students should enter and leave the College adhering to the posted Speed limits.
- Student drivers are not permitted to leave the College in the afternoon until the first line of buses have left the College Grounds.

Mr Liam Toland
Director of Pastoral Care T-12
Wollondilly Celebrates 10 Years with Special Grand Visitors

Celebrating our 10th Grandparents’ and Grandfriends’ Day in 2013 is a significant milestone. Over this time I have been able to get to know many of the students’ Grandparents and I eagerly look forward each year to catch up with friendly familiar faces. This year, as with each passing year, I meet new Grandparents and I delight in the conversations I have with so many as their sparkling wide eyed Grandchildren excitedly drag them to the next activity.

Grandparents’ Chapel welcomed over 200 Grandparents. Transition to Year 4 students had the opportunity to praise and worship God alongside their very special guests.

With uplifted voices we sang together. Reverend Jefferies, a grandparent of students at the College, shared a special message. We listened to the significance of Love, Obedience and Helpfulness.

After Chapel, Mr Grant and Ms Bridge directed a selection of the Stage 2 Strings group in playing a variety of pieces from their ever growing repertoire. Mr McIntosh conducted the Stage 1 choir in a beautiful rendition of Puff the Magic Dragon and to bring the morning’s creativity to a close, Miss Humble showcased the talents of the Stage 2 Dance group.

Mr Schroder, Mr Rollason and the 2 Office Staff provided service with a smile and assisted the Headmaster as he hosted morning tea for all our guests whilst the Junior Strings ensemble could be heard in the background.

Thank you to all our families and special visitors who attended last Friday Mornings celebrations. The staff and students alike enjoyed the day and by all the positive feedback we are glad you did too. We look forward to seeing many of you again next year.

Mrs Keen, Team Chapel and the Junior School Teaching Team.

Mrs Krystine Keen
Pastoral Care Co-ordinator (T-4)
MORE WONDERFUL GRANDPARENTS DAY PHOTOS

Thank You
PRESENTATION NIGHT

Students from Years 5 to 8 are invited to audition for a solo spot in the Middle School Presentation night. Please see Mr Denley if you wish to audition.

MUSICAL AUDITIONS

Step into the enchanted world of Broadway's modern classic! Based on the Academy-Award winning animated feature, the stage version of Disney's BEAUTY AND THE BEAST includes all of the wonderful songs written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman along with new songs by Mr Menken and Mr Tim Rice. Your audiences will be transported to the heart of provincial life in a lovely French town.

When Maurice becomes lost in the woods on the way to the fair, he seeks shelter in an old castle, but the master of the castle is a horrible beast that takes him captive. Maurice’s daughter, Belle, must then give up her freedom to save his life. Belle's taming of the unfortunate Beast and his ultimate transformation back into a handsome prince enthralled Broadway audiences for over 13 years. This "tale as old as time" is filled with spectacular costume and set opportunities, or even more simply staged, Disney’s BEAUTY AND THE BEAST offers a great opportunity to bring your entire community together for family theatre at its best.

Auditions for students from Years 7 to 11, 2014 will take place in Week 6. Please see the notices outside the Melba staff room for your audition time. Students in Years 5 and 6, 2014 will be auditioned by the primary staff, but as a general rule all primary students will be part of the junior chorus for the show.

Mr Simon Denley
Creative Coordinator
**Bookfair:** Thank you to all the people who supported our bookfair this year. It was a great success and raised over $2,600.00 for the College which will be put towards a range of resources for the students.

**Contact:** We organise this once a year on behalf of the P&F as a service to the College community. Many people ask to buy the contact we use and it is not available from the shops. 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.

Spare order forms are available from the front office. (The rolls are 15 metres long and will easily cover all the books needed for two children. The contact is low tack so can be pulled off easily if you make a mistake).

Mrs Louise Saint-John
IRC Coordinator

**RURAL FIRE SERVICE SUPPORT**

**Date – Tuesday, 12 November**

Gold Coin Donation – House Competition Coin Line.
Secondary Students - Are able to wear House Shirt and PE/Sports Uniform.
Primary Students - Have the option of House Shirt and PE/Sports Uniform or Normal College Summer Uniform.

This is an opportunity for the College to recognise the work of the RFS with regards to the recent bushfires in the local area and beyond.

Please come prepared on the day to make a contribution to the important work of the RFS.
The National Computer Science School (NCSS) is a 10 day summer school for students going into Years 11 and 12 in 2014. NCSS brings together talented young people from around Australia for an intensive course of computer programming and website development in the School of IT at the University of Sydney.

NCSS 2014 will run from Saturday, 4 January to Monday, 13 January, 2014 (inclusive).

NCSS applications will be accepted from students who will complete Year 11 in 2013, and from exceptionally gifted Year 10 students. Selection of students will be based on academic performance, particularly in the subjects of mathematics and science, and demonstrated interest in computing. Personal qualities, such as community service, and social and teamwork skills will also be taken into consideration.

No prior knowledge of computing is assumed. Students who are not taking computing units of study at the College are eligible to apply. Rest assured that students who enter the program as proficient programmers will also find plenty of material to extend their skills.

Students who are interested can see Mr Gregory for more details or visit http://ncss.edu.au/summer_school

Mr Jason Gregory
Secondary Teacher

O Day Fun!
**SECONDARY SPORT**

We had mixed results in MISA this week. Both Boys Cricket Teams won quite convincingly. OZtag and Volleyball were close but narrowly missed out.

Next week in MISA 5/11. We play St Patrick’s College, OZtag (Years 7-9 Girls) – Kayess Park, Minto Volleyball (Years 10-11 Girls) – Magdalene Catholic High School, Narellan Cricket (Year 7 and Years 8 & 9) – Tahmoor Oval

Mr Richard Madden  
Secondary Sports Coordinator

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**PRIMARY SPORT**

Yesterday we played against St Peter’s. For our first game back since the end of Term 1, we had some pleasing results and great individual achievements. Next week we play against Broughton. All games will be at the College (Menangle Road, Menangle Park).

Please remember all shin pads and/or mouth guards for your sports. If you do not have your safety equipment, you will not be allowed to participate but will be part of the support team.

Our swimming program is going well and with the decrease in numbers last week, all of the children received swimming lessons which included stroke correction for our squad swimmers.

Just a reminder to indicate on any lunch orders SWIMMING or IPSSO. This will help the catering staff to have lunches ready in time

Mr Stuart McIntosh  
Primary Sports Coordinator

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**MAXIMUM SKATING**

Maximum Skating at Smeaton Grange is offering WAC students a discount on Thursday, 14 November, the first Professional Development day.

Skate from 10.00 am—12.00 noon for $13.00 including skate hire, saving $4.50! $10.00 if you bring your own skates. Mention that you are from WAC to receive the discount.
THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS
Canteen Roster:

Friday 1/11  
Judy Scholes  
HELP NEEDED

Monday 4/11  
Michelle Morris  
HELP NEEDED

Tuesday 5/11  
HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

Wednesday 6/11  
Miriam Meischke  
HELP NEEDED

Thursday 7/11  
Susan Kellert  
Kirsten King

Friday 8/11  
Judy Scholes  
Lesley Bramich

Monday 11/11  
Liz Hayes  
HELP NEEDED

Tuesday 12/11  
Michelle Clark  
HELP NEEDED

Wednesday 13/11  
Kellie Bennett  
HELP NEEDED

Thursday 14/11  
Professional Development Day

Friday 15/11  
Professional Development Day

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.

‘Red Days’ for Term 4 will be on Monday, 2 December and Monday, 9 December.

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.

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 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.

Wirrimbirra Sanctuary Bargo Frog Day: Sunday, 17 November 10.00 am—3.00 pm or a gold coin donation come along and see the Frogs, native gardens, plant nursery. Sit for the morning coffee and enjoy the food from the bbq and/or the café. For more information please call 4684 1112.

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.

Kittens for FREE: Four happy playful kittens looking for happy homes, 8 weeks old contact Angela on 0409 421 755 or 4677 0766

Learner Driver: Wollondilly Council invites all young learner drivers to a ‘FREE’ Learner Driver Log Book Run event. Learner Drivers with their supervisors gain experience driving on local rural roads and its unique environment. This event is being held on Sunday, 10 November 2013 starting at 9.30 am in Council. Places are limited. To make a booking, please contact Council’s Road Safety Officer on 4677 1188,

Angus & Lucinda’s Academie de Danse: The A&L concert tickets are now on sale (exactly two months before the date of the end of year concert. You can purchase your tickets on the following website; www.trybookings.com - then, type into the search box; “Angus & Lucinda’s” or “Une Grande Soiree de Danse” to purchase your tickets.

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.

Helloween

Nature abhors a vacuum. Into the spiritual vacuum canopying earth Halloween spills. Surely a shudder should awaken Christian spines everywhere at Halloween as when a fingernail slides down a blackboard. - Rev Geoff Taylor
October
Thursday 31  Meeting with Project Manager and Architect re Stage 7 of Building Program
           Meeting with Bradfield Partners
           Student Enrolment Interviews 2015

November
Friday 1  Student Enrolment Interviews 2015
           St Peter’s Anglican Primary School Commemoration
Monday 4  Student Enrolment Interviews 2015
           Interview panel for Nowra Anglican College Head
           Visit from Shellharbour Anglican College Planning Committee
           (Evening) Parents and Friends Executive
           (Evening) Parents and Friends Meeting
Tuesday 5  College Golf Day
Wednesday 6  Student Enrolment Interviews 2015
Thursday 7  Student Enrolment Interviews 2015
Friday 8  Generative Thinking Day
Saturday 9  (Evening) St Marks Concert
Sunday 10  Association of Heads of Independent Schools meeting
Monday 11  AHISA meeting at Loretto

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

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

As the smoke clears, it's interesting to see how often we have watched people facing grief or trauma or huge challenges, and thought, "I could never handle that." We look at our limited human capacity and know that there are some things that are beyond us, like losing everything or someone, like facing severe danger or nasty opposition. God's encouragement to us is that we don't need to. All the strength and courage we need to handle anything comes from Him, not from us.

Rev Rob Meischke 0437533106
This week’s Pretend Headmasters Lauren O’Sullivan and Samuel Pryor (KC), step outside into the Rose Garden to practice their golf swings for next week’s Golf Day!

Prayer Points

Prayer Points from our link missionaries in Nigeria

Thank God

- For the opportunity to get the necessary medical care for Helen’s health afflictions
- That our Dean is in full support of our travelling home for this purpose
- That you, our supporters, continue to pray for this situation

Ask God

- For safe travel. We will travel from Kaduna Friday afternoon 26 Oct to arrive Sydney Sunday afternoon 28 Oct. There have been a few plane crashes both at Kaduna last week and Lagos two weeks ago. But God is our protector.
- For wisdom for the doctors dealing with Helen and that God will give them discernment and insight especially as we return to Nigeria
- For strength for Alan as he supports her
- For the college as two lecturers leave their classes mid-term.

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