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THE WARATAH WEEKLY

Choose to Listen; and believe the voice of Truth
From the Foundation Headmaster, Dr Stuart Quarmby

A Life in Denial

The child looked into his mother’s eyes and said, “It wasn’t me Mummy”. His dad looked at the chocolate stains all over the toddler’s mouth then back to the chocolate paddle-pop ice-cream ground into the carpet and laughed. It was an obvious lie. Mum quickly retreated into the kitchen and returned with a cloth and some carpet cleaner. It was a lesson in life for the boy: Lies work.

Time passed and he was in the playground confronted by the teacher. “Stop throwing stones” said the teacher.
“I didn’t,” he replied.
“But I saw you,” said the teacher.
“Well I only threw a stone that time. It didn’t hit anyone. Everybody else throws stones,” he said. “And Johnny threw a stone first”.
Johnny nodded. “Sorry Miss.” He said. Both boys got a detention. “That Johnny’s an honest boy,” she remarked as she entered the staff-room.

Thirty years had passed and the toddler had grown into a middle aged man. His arguments had grown more sophisticated but his heart had never changed. He had been pivotal in the campaign for his city to win the Olympics. Although originally denying that he had bribed officials on the Olympic committee to win their vote, when faced with bank statements and testimonies, he changed his angle of attack to a tried and tested formula –
“We did what was necessary. The end justifies the means. The inducements that we offered were much less than some of the other countries offered. Every country does it. It’s just the way it has to happen.”

Just before retirement, he was arrested for illegally transferring company funds into a personal account. His statement showed that he was not sorry for his crime – but he was very sorry that he had been caught –

“Everyone cheats on their employer. There are some people who have cheated for years and gotten away with it. Some have stolen much more than this. I have worked my tail off for years and deserve a little bit extra. Nobody suffered so how dare you tell me it is wrong! It is a victimless crime.”

One sad face looked on. He had always been the unconsidered victim. He loved the toddler, the boy, the middle aged man and the man in jail. All through his life he had been the victim of theft. On these and so many other occasions, God had been robbed of the chance …

… to forgive
Alumni 1 Year Reunion
The Class of 2012 were invited back for a BBQ breakfast on Saturday. The rain held off and we all enjoyed a lovely breakfast prepared by Mr Shaw.

After breakfast, the class enjoyed a tour of the College, particularly the new additions since they left last year. The alumni were particularly impressed by the WACA and the fact that we now have our very own bus with another two to come in the new year!

The 1 year reunion gives us a chance to catch up with the former students and find out where life is taking them. Here is one:

Name: Kathryn Clark — Class of 2012
What are you doing now: At UOW studying Medicinal Chemistry. Working at the Wollongong Science Centre and Planetarium doing liquid nitrogen and bubble & balloon shows!
Where will you be in 5 years: I'm not sure! Possibly studying postgrad Pharmacy (Research in Pharmaceuticals).
What is your best memory of the College? Musicals. They were great for getting to know people in other year groups; working together to produce something we were really proud of.
Your advice to those in Year 12: Be nice to people, it will make life so much easier. Study hard from the start - it will pay off!

Mrs Christine Mozejko
Development Manager

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Applications for WOOSH (After School Care) for 2014 are now available at the Office. Please note that places are filling quickly with some days almost full so please let us know ASAP if you require a place!

**SCHEDULE OF CHARGES 2014**

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**10 YEAR COMMEMORATIVE PHOTO**

The College 10 Year Commemorative photo is available to be collected. They are every bit as good as we expected. Families are invited to send a student to the Office to collect the photo. All have arrived in a photo tube. This is the photo which had a provision for an ‘opt out’ earlier in the year.

Mr Jonathan Shaw
College Administrator

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**

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**WOOSH—2014**

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**Tahmoor Coal**

Thank you for the ongoing support.
Students Leaving WAC at the End of Year 10

A reminder to parents that if your son or daughter is intending to leave the College at the end of Year 10 to enter the workforce or enrol at another education institution, you will need to inform the Headmaster in writing of your intention and the destination for your child.

Once the College has been informed in writing, the Board of Studies can be notified of this intention. Provided we are able to notify the Board by Friday, 29 November 2013 of a Year 10 student’s intention to leave school at the end of this year, the Board will issue a Record of School Achievement credentials to arrive by Wednesday, 11 December 2013.

The term ‘school leavers’ refers to students who are leaving school to undertake employment or further training. It does not refer to students who are transferring to another school. Year 10 students who are leaving the NSW school system at the end of 2013 to enrol in a school in another state or country are eligible to receive their Record of School Achievement credentials.

The Board of Studies will send the credentials to their home address. However, if you prefer, you can request that the credentials are sent to the College to pass on to the student.

LAST DAY FOR YEAR 10 IS TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER

Year 11 Reports and Interviews

Parents should have received a copy of their child’s Year 11 Report last week. The reports have also been uploaded to the Parent Portal. If you have not received a copy of the report, please contact the College Office.

Year 11 students have been asked to fill in a Student Reflection Sheet and return it to me as part of the process of them setting goals and working to award achieving in the HSC. The Reflection Sheets will be used as the basis for discussion when I interview each Year 11 student between now and the end of the term.

Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Expedition – Silver/Gold

Weather or Not?

This group haven’t always experienced the most favourable weather conditions. An expedition in October last year was postponed due to bad weather. This happened again this year in October due to the bushfires.

The weather conditions intervened again on the most recent hike – Saturday, 9 November to Tuesday, 12 November. From extreme heat on the Saturday to pouring rain and thunderstorms on the other days, our plans had to adapt to suit the changing weather conditions.

Instead of continuing our planned hike to finish at Little Wobby we shortened the expedition and returned to WAC to camp on the Monday evening and continued our expedition in the Southern Highlands.

The new College bus provided us with some great flexibility to change our plans and travel arrangements.

Overall it was an eventful expedition with one member of the group needing to be taken to Bowral Emergency to receive stitches for a deeply cut finger.

I would like to thank Mrs Cochrane and Mr Hicks who assisted with the expedition and congratulate Aaron Manson, Thomas Hart, Hayden Wood, Andrew Russell, Ethan Keable, Emily Clark, Alec Jenson, Sam Gardiner and Laura Fleming on their successful completion of the hike.

We are looking forward to the Milford Sound Track hike in New Zealand in December.

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster
DUKE OF EDINBURGH PHOTO’S
Maintaining the Standards

As we enter the period of the year post exams there is sometimes a tendency for students to relax with regards to the standards that are part of day to day practice at Wollondilly Anglican College. It is very important that this mentality is challenged on the home front in the same manner that it is challenged at the College. Students are to finish the year in a positive manner and maintain attention to the following areas:

1. **Uniform** – All aspects of uniform need to be worn daily and in the correct manner. Students may be informed of items of uniform that they may need to update or replace, please assist us in this area by addressing this in a prompt manner.

2. **Application** – Students need to ensure that they are diligent in the completion of both their class and homework.

3. **Punctuality** – Students need to ensure that they are on time to the College each morning, that they move between classes in a timely fashion and that they arrive to classes from breaks on time.

4. **Behaviour** – Student behaviour needs to be co-operative and respectful in how they treat both each other and staff. Students are reminded that at all times they should keep their hands and feet to themselves.

**Working Bee – Community Service**

Students are encouraged to attend the Term 4 Working Bee on Saturday, 23 November. This is a great opportunity to serve in a small way and make a contribution to the development of community within our College. It is an event where a small contribution of time from a collective group of people can make a significant impact on keeping our College looking good.

Students are asked to reflect on their involvement in Community Service in 2013 and take a step toward increased involvement by attending this Saturday. Students that have Saturday detentions, are reminded to ensure that they report to the Flynn building at 9.00 am to serve their detention.

**Peer Support Training**

A number of Year 9 students will be informed this week that they have been selected to undergo training on how to deliver the Peer Support Program to Year 7 2014. The program will fulfil two areas, for Year 9 students it will provide a leadership opportunity and foster an in College service culture to support our new Year 7 students.

For Year 7 2014 it will assist in the transition process between Primary and Secondary by focusing on a range of relevant issues to Year 7 students. The training for Year 9 will take place in the Flynn Amphitheatre on Monday, 25 November and Tuesday, 26 November.

The sessions will run all day on Monday and until 12.10 pm on Tuesday. Students will then attend normal sporting activities. Students are to wear House Shirt and PE/Sports Uniform on Monday and normal Sports Uniform on Tuesday. This is a very exciting initiative and one that will no doubt have a significant impact on student leadership here at the College.

Mr Liam Toland
Director of Pastoral Care T-12

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

Stage 5 Drama students have been invited to represent the College while leading a Christmas scripture service at Mittagong and Colo Vale Primary Schools. This is a fantastic opportunity for Wollondilly Anglican College students to share the message of Jesus’ love with the wider community.

The first of these presentations will be delivered on Thursday, 21 November and the second will be on Tuesday, 26 November 2013.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
English Teacher
**PRIMARY MATTERS**

Teachers spent last Thursday and Friday doing their own learning. On Thursday we spent the day learning about best practice in data usage in programming and determining where students are at and how to help students achieve their best.

On Friday Transition — Year 6 staff spent the day familiarising themselves with the new Science syllabus and writing new units for implementation next year. It was a valuable time of joining together, talking about new ideas and the way forward to best suit our students. We are excited about the new directions in Science.

Next year we will be implementing the new Maths, English and Science curricula.

Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Director of Teaching and Learning (T-6)

**KOORONG BOOK CLUB**

Just a reminder that Koorong Kids Book Club is due back tomorrow, to the Office.

Mrs Tracy Turner
Primary Teacher

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**Pie Shop Cabaret!**

**Who:** Our Wollondilly singing students

**Date:** Monday, 2 December

**Where:** The Bargo Pie Shop & Café
3564 Remembrance Drive

**Time:** Doors open at 5pm
Stage 1 had a fabulous time visiting the Science Centre in Wollongong and the Botanical Gardens last Wednesday. There were smiles all round as students actively participated in hands-on activities, watched a show about our Solar System in the Planetarium and learned all about Healthy Eating and our bodies.

Here are a few reflections from the students;

'We saw the stars on the roof and then we saw the constellations'.
'I got to see how our bodies work, and what the biggest bone and smallest bone in our bodies are'.
'I remember playing the magic harp. It was awesome'.
'I liked putting my hands onto the glass ball and having little zaps of lightning come to my hand'.

Mrs Lisa Maher
Primary Teacher
TERM 4 — WORKING BEE

As advertised last issue, our Term 4 Working Bee is happening from 8.00 am this Saturday, 23 November and it would be great if you could come and help us knock over some of the jobs which need completing.

- The garden in front of the Admin building as well as the rose garden needs cleaning up.
- 2 small granite pathways between the 2 sections of the Flynn carpark can be finished.
- The gardens around the College can be tidied up.
- Mulch can be added to the gardens.
- The College carpark gutters can be swept to rid them of leaves which can then be put on the gardens as compost.
- Rubbish can be picked up around the College field as well as other areas
- There are lots of books to cover in Flynn 2 across the bridge from 9.00 am

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.

Come along on the day and enjoy the company of others while working to make our College shine for another term.

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.

Mr Schroder
Property Manager

YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION TO MINNAMURRA RAINFOREST

The Year 7 Geography excursion to Minnamurra Rainforest is scheduled for Wednesday, 27 November.

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

The permission notes that were issued and signed for our previous date will apply for this new date.

Mr Jay Hart
Secondary Teacher
**NSW POLICE BAND WORKSHOP AND CONCERT**

Last Tuesday, members of the College Band travelled to Thomas Hassall Anglican College to be involved in a combined workshop alongside members of Thomas Hassall Anglican College Band ran by the NSW Police Band.

The professional full-time musicians of the Police Band tutored the students on repertoire that they had been recently working on and gave insightful methods and techniques that would assist them when playing their respective instruments. The students valued the time they spent with the Police Band and thoroughly enjoyed the fantastic concert that followed featuring the various ensembles that the Police Band have including a Brass Quintet, Wind Quintet, Jazz Band and Rock Band before an enthusiastic Thomas Hassall Anglican audience.

Congratulations must go to the students for their musical maturity and the manner in which they represented Wollondilly Anglican College.

Mr Lloyd Grant  
Primary / Secondary

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**DOLLARMITE SAVINGS - COMMONWEALTH BANK**

Last day for Banking this year will be **Wednesday, 4 December**. This will give us enough time to get banking prizes in and everything sorted before the end of the year.

Thank you for all your support this year!
**PRIMARY SPORT**

Due to the recent wet weather, the IPSSO finals day has been postponed until next Wednesday. We wish our Senior Soccer Girls the best of luck next week.

Next Wednesday will be the final week for swimming.

For the next two weeks, we will be having a Round Robin Interhouse Competition sporting afternoons. This will be a fun way to conclude our College and Interschool Sports Program for the year.

Mr Stuart McIntosh
Primary Sports Coordinator

**SECONDARY SPORT**

This week MISA was cancelled due to the rain AGAIN!!

Next week in MISA Tuesday, 26 November, we play John Therry Catholic High School, we will be playing some of the games at John Therry.

**Oztag (Years 7 - 9 Girls & Boys) – John Therry**

**Volleyball (Years 10 -11 Girls & Boys) – John Therry**

**Cricket (Year 7 and Years 8 & 9) – Rosemeadow**

Mr Richard Madden
Secondary Sports Coordinator

**HICES - MATHEMATICS DAY**

Last Thursday, while most students were at home studying hard, and the teachers were participating in Professional Development, four students accompanied Mr Hirth to the HICES Hard Core Maths Day in Kellyville.

They represented the College excellently and had an opportunity to develop their Mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Thanks to Mr Hirth for his time and effort and congratulations to the four students (Murray Jobbins, Jason Davies, Courtney Lange and Samuel Napier) for the excellent way in which they represented the College.

Mr Tim Hicks
Mathematics Coordinator
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Red Days for Term 4 will be Monday, 2 December and Monday 9, December

### Canteen Roster

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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.

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

**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.

**ACO Ensemble in Picton:** Picton Public School Hall, Lumsdaine Street Picton. Tuesday, 27 November at 7.00 pm. The program will feature BACH Brandenburg Concerto No.3, MOZART String Quartet No. 4, GREIG String Quartet No.1. Tickets are $20.00 each and available at the door. For more information please email pictonstrings@gmail.com

**Picton Late Night Shopping:** On Thursday, 28 November many of Picton’s shops will be open for a special pre-christmas shopping night. Shoppers can follow the red, white and green balloons starting at AJ’s Memories & Collectables on the south side of the Stonequarry Bridge.

**Cedar Creek Orchard - Pick your own days:** On Sunday, 24 November, Sunday, 1 December and Sunday, 8 December, from 9.00 am till 1.30 pm, Cedar Creek Orchard will be holding Pick your own nectarines and peaches days! For more information and to book please call 4681 8457. There will be an entry charge of $4.00 adults and $2.00 children and, customers will be driven to the picking blocks by our ‘people mover’ tractor.

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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**

**November**

Thursday 21  
Student interviews 2015

Friday 22  
Student interviews 2015
(Evening) Parents’ and Friends’ Executive meeting

Saturday 23  
Term 4 Working Bee  
Staff Christmas Function

Monday 25  
Distinction Morning Tea – Maths / Chemistry / Science  
Student interviews 2015

Tuesday 26  
Student interviews 2015

Wednesday 27  
Student interviews 2015

Thursday 28  
Junior Formal Assembly

Friday 29  
Middle Formal Assembly

Saturday 30  
College Council Function

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**Calendar Update**

Saturday, 23 November  
Working Bee

Monday, 25 November  
Distinction Morning Tea

Tuesday, 26 November  
Year 11 DAT Excursion

Wednesday, 27 November  
Christmas Performers - Local Primary

Thursday, 28 November  
Year 7 Excursion (Minnamurra)

Friday, 29 November  
Creative Art School Visit

Wednesday, 4 December  
Junior School Formal Assembly

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**Important Dates to Remember!**

Saturday, 23 November  
Working Bee

Tuesday, 3 December  
Junior Presentation Night (7.00 pm)

Tuesday, 10 December  
Senior School Presentation Night (7.00 pm)

Wednesday, 11 December  
Middle School Presentation Night (7.00 pm)

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

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” Micah 5:2

I know that we sometimes think that Christmas preparations seem to start earlier and earlier each year, but spare a thought for God himself, who made promises like this one hundreds of years before Jesus was even born. Compared to an iGadget on lay-by, this is a hope that’s really worth thinking about.

Rev Rob Meischke 0437533106

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WOLLONDILLY
anglican community church
This week’s Pretend Headmaster Cody Wood (KC) has his trowel and hat ready to lend a hand at the Working Bee this Saturday.

**Prayer Points**

**Thank God**
- That we are all imperfect, undesirable – yet deeply loved
- That He forgives – and forgets
- For those who give above and beyond (and there are many) for the betterment of this College
- For the willingness of our staff and students to take the Christmas message to local Primary Schools

**Ask God**
- That He will continue to shower us with grace as he sets us to the tasks that He has planned for us to do
- For His continued blessing on our College as we commence the next stages of our growth (both people and infrastructure)
- For the capacity to prioritise tasks as we plan for a busy end to the year

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

_**Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.**_