Sunday, 17 November this year was the annual memorial service for road accident fatalities and serious injuries in our Shire. I attended this year to represent our part in the community and to support the College Strings Ensemble, Mr Denley, Mr Grant, Ms Bridge and Georgia Davis as they performed on such a sombre occasion with distinction. Whilst my father-in-law bears the daily constant reminders of road accident trauma, nothing can compare to the grief of those who have lost a loved one – mostly young – as either the innocent victim of a road accident or through a spontaneous and thoughtless fatal decision. All families are unintended victims as they live with the grief. All sit side-by-side on such occasions.

It has become a Wollondilly Shire tradition for local poet, John Churchill, to represent these families in verse each year. He read a poem on the day and it is reprinted here with permission –

**Remembrance 2013**

We can’t go back and alter the outcome of that day  
And to question why things happen is mankind’s natural way  
But it’s hard to find the answers as we battle with our grief  
To make sense of a situation that we find beyond belief  
The world as we once knew it can never be the same  
But for us the sounds and visions forever will remain  
We still recall the happy times those days of laissez-faire  
When we were all together and your laughter filled the air  
It’s a memory, founded on love, which will never disappear  
Our thoughts are always with you and your legacy is clear

*We continue to be the people we are because you have been in our lives*

Wollondilly is a close knit community. No sound of an Ambulance is ever welcome but I dread hearing the sirens rushing by on the road outside the College. Inevitably, in a College of 700 students, we have a connection, whether family or friend. By and large our students are sensible, but the importance of days like U-Turn the Wheel for our emerging drivers in Year 11 cannot be underestimated. Our advice to students is ……. 

**Think!**
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.

**WOOSH**

**Room Changes for the rest of 2013:** Due to our many functions being held in the Auditorium over the next 3 weeks, we will be moving WOOSH to Gumnut Cottage (Kindergarten Building) from Monday, 2 December till the end of the Term.

**WOOSH 2014**

The number of permanent applications has exceeded the available positions for WOOSH in 2014. As a result those families who have relied on WOOSH for the occasional casual place, may not be able to secure a spot when required. Any vacancy would be dependent on another student being absent on the required day.

Mr Jonathan Shaw
College Administrator

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**
JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY—TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER

Tuesday Evening is shaping up to be an amazing celebration of the Year that was for students in Transition — Year 4 at the Junior School Presentation Evening. All students will be taking their place on the stage to showcase their gifts and talents in a variety of ways. You are all invited to share with your children the highlights of 2013 in the Warne Auditorium at, 7.00 pm. Students are asked to be at the Auditorium by 6.30 pm to take their seats. We look forward in seeing you all there!

Mrs Krystine Keen
Pastoral Care (T-4)

WOLLONDILLY TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

All Teddy Bears are invited to attend the second Wollondilly T-2 Teddy Bears Picnic! All students in T-2 will be involved in a Teddy Bears picnic after Christmas Chapel on Thursday, 12 December. After Christmas Chapel finishes, parents, special friends and teddy bears may join us in the T-2 playground for a picnic recess. Games, craft and competitions will follow. We hope all teddy bears and special friends will be able to attend.

Mrs Rebecca Napier
Primary Teacher

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Awards
Parents please be aware that to meet the deadlines for Reports, Assemblies and Presentation Nights, the cut-off date was Friday, 15 November. This means that students can still receive a Merit card for Academic Effort and Achievement, College Contribution, Sport and Service after this date, however they may not appear on your child’s Semester 2 College Report and they will not count in the tally to higher awards.

We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Last Day of Term
The arrangements for the completion of the term are outlined below.
- Year 10 and 11 will finish the Year on Tuesday, 10 December. Award recipients are expected to attend the College Presentation Night on Tuesday evening in full College uniform.
- T-9 will finish on Thursday, 12 November

Year 11 Interviews
As a follow up to the Year 11 Preliminary Examinations, I have been interviewing Year 11 students as they proceed into their HSC course studies.
Each student was asked again to complete a ‘Student Reflection Sheet’ to evaluate their performance in Year 11. This sheet, the student’s report and the Reflection Sheet completed in June were used as the basis for discussion to set goals and discuss ways that the student can improve the Academic Effort and Achievement.
This process has been part of our on going efforts to improve the ‘Learning Culture’ at WAC so that students can optimise their academic performance.

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster

WAC’S SECONDARY HOMEWORK CLUB
Students have shown a consistent interest and effort in Homework Club this Semester, which has been fantastic to see.

Our final afternoon will be on Wednesday, 4 December (Week 9) from 3.00 pm — 4.30 pm. A HUGE thanks to all staff involved this year and we look forward to seeing many more students come along to Homework Club in 2014.

Mrs Emily Madden
Secondary Teacher

2013 COLLEGE PRESENTATION AND SHOWCASE NIGHT

Roll out the red carpet! The College Presentation and Showcase night is fast approaching. While Senior Students are expected to attend, all students and their families are also invited. When: Tuesday, 10 December, arrive at 6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm start.

Mrs Christine Mozejko
Development Manager
Mufti Day
On Thursday, 12 December the College will have a Mufti Day for students in T-9. This is an SRC initiative to raise funds to support The African AIDS Foundation.

The African AIDS Foundation exists to raise much needed funds to support grass roots projects in South Africa and Kenya. AAF is run by volunteers who are passionate about bringing change to the lives of children who are facing a bleak future without help. The projects AAF fund are run by small groups of people who are caring for the ill, abandoned and vulnerable. This charity is based in the Macarthur region.

All students are asked to make a gold coin contribution to AAF. This will be collected in Roll Call starting in the previous week. All students are encouraged to give generously.

Students in Years 5-9 will be attending Picton Pool on this day so appropriate swimming clothing, towel and a hat are all required to participate. Further information on this day will be made available in the next newsletter.

Dress Standards for Mufti Day
- The normal College expectations apply to hair and jewellery.
- Students must wear enclosed shoes – no thongs or sandals
- Singlet tops or tops showing exposed mid riffs are also excluded
- Clothing worn should not have slogans with inappropriate language or messages.
- Shorts - leg length should be at least to mid-thigh

Students have been warned that if they don’t comply with these rules, they may be sent home or withdrawn from the day’s activities.

Peer Support Training
On Monday, 25 and Tuesday, 26 November over 30 Year 9 students were involved in receiving training to implement the Peer Support Program in 2014. As a group they engaged in all aspects of the training in an outstanding manner and demonstrated considerable leadership skills. The final selection of leaders will be made known to all students prior to the end of the year.

The students who miss out on being a regular leader in delivering the program will be placed on stand-by in the event of a leader being absent or out of the College for various reasons. I would like to commend all the students on their behaviour and contributions throughout the program. They were a delight to work with. I would also like to recognise Mrs Madden as their Year Patron and her contributions to the organisation and delivery of the program.

Finish Dates
For students in Years 10 -11 the last day of Term is Tuesday, 10 December.

For students in T– Years 9 the last day of Term is Thursday, 12 December.

Mr Liam Toland
Director of Pastoral Care T-12
Meet the Teacher K-5

Years 1-5 will meet their teacher for 2014 on Tuesday, 10 December 2.00 pm. This is a great opportunity for the students to get excited about their new teacher and to know who they will be coming back to in 2014. They will also know who else will be in their classes.

The decisions made around classes are difficult and complex. As professionals teachers make recommendations that they feel are the best for all of the students. Parental reaction to classes and teachers are very important. Being positive will have a big impact on how your children feel.

Most children will feel a sense of sadness or concern about leaving the teacher they have spent a year with. This is all part of growing up and learning to adapt to change which is essential.

This process of finding out classes and teachers this year is designed to help students get straight into the new year with confidence.

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

JUNGLE NEWS

Attention all WAC Transition Family Members!

You are invited to the 2013 Transition Graduation Ceremonies at the Warne Auditorium. An afternoon tea will follow in the Auditorium Forecourt. Family members are most welcome to attend. If your child has a sibling at the College, they are also invited. A reminder that Transition students will need to be dressed in full summer College uniform, including their green hat. A black sport cap should have been sent in last week. We look forward to celebrating this momentous event with you.

Transition Toto Graduation: Thursday, 5 December at 1.30 pm
Transition Tembo Graduation: Monday, 9 December at 1.30 pm

Green and Black hats: Students will need both their green Transition hat and their College black sport cap for the Graduation ceremony. If you have misplaced your child’s green hat, please arrange for them to have one for the Graduation ceremony. Please contact me if you have any concerns about this. Black caps should have been brought in LAST WEEK.

Resources: Over the next few weeks I will send home some more resources we have created for you to keep at home and use with your child. These do not have to be returned at the end of the year - they are for you to keep. I will send home some more letter tracing laminated sheets. Please use a whiteboard marker on these so that the marker can be rubbed out using a tissue, cloth or paper towel. I will also send home another letter/sounds picture matching task with the sounds learnt this term.

Craft coming home: Over the next few weeks I will gradually be sending home students’ craft and artworks that are hanging up in the classroom. It would be helpful if you kept a plastic bag in your child’s school bag that they could put their craft in. Please ensure you place the plastic bag back in their bag each day for the remainder of the term.

Coloured sport shirt for next year: Please contact the College office if you are not sure which colour sport shirt to buy your child next year. Students are placed in coloured sport teams when enrolled. Please note, students should be placed in the same sport house as siblings/family members. Please speak to Christine in the office if this has not happened.

Chapel and Teddy Bear’s Picnic: The last day for students will be Wednesday, 11 December for Tembo and Thursday, 12 December for Toto. Traditionally we have T-4 Christmas Chapel followed by a Teddy Bear’s picnic on the last day of school-Thursday, 12 December. Toto will participate in these events, as part of their normal day. Tembo students are invited to join us for the morning. Parents of Tembo students - please complete and return note handed out on Monday to indicate if your child will be attending the events on Thursday morning, 12 December. If possible, please return by the end of this week. There is no expectation that they should attend.

Mrs Kristy-Lee Ferris
Transition Teacher
On Tuesday, 19 November, 12 finalists from Stages 2 and 3 competed in the Wollondilly Speaking Spectacular.

The finalists were:
Year 3: Jack Carroll, Rose Wenman, and Joshua Phillips.
Year 4: Kirstin Starr, Maisie Hart, Kelsie McKinley
Year 5: John Talbot,
Year 6: Ben Hardie, Helena Turner, Brianna Ollis, Madilyn McKinley and Rylea Keen.

It was a fantastic afternoon with the topic being the history on my birthday. We learnt that many special events had taken place on the different birthdays.

We were able to listen to the talents of the speakers as well as a music performance by Lilli Madden, singing Pompeii by Bastille.

The results were: 3rd, Joshua Phillips, 2nd Madilyn McKinley, 1st, Brianna Ollis. Well done to all the speakers and thank you to the parents who came to watch and support us as well as the teachers.

Thank you to our judges Mrs Croger and Mr Matthews.

By Madilyn McKinley, Helena Turner and Ben Hardie
**Music Lessons**

As the end of year fast approaches it is time to think about individual music lessons for your children. Next year we will have more peripatetic teachers at the College, offering an even wider choice of instruments and opportunities.

Lessons will be available on violin, cello, viola, guitar, bass guitar, flute, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, drums, voice, piano, clarinet, saxophone, almost any instrument you can think of.

Please contact Mr Shaw at the front office for the enrolment paperwork.

Remember that playing a musical instrument improves all aspects of your child's literacy and numeracy.

Mr Simon Denley  
Creative Arts Coordinator

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**Auf Deutsch Bitte! NSW Language Showdown**

Students who earned more than 500 points in the NSW Language Perfect State Showdown last term have been presented their certificates in class.

In addition the following students received Bronze, Silver or Gold Certificates. The Bronze certificates were handed out on Monday's Assembly.

The Silver Certificates will be presented later in the term at the Formal Assembly and the Gold Certificates will be presented at Presentation Night.

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Mrs Carolyn Clark  
Language Teacher

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**Pie Shop Cabaret**

COME ON DOWN...

... and join our Wollondilly singing students as they perform an eclectic evening of musical brilliance at the hottest new venue in town!

**Date:** Monday, 2 December 2013  
**Where:** The Bargo Pie Shop & Cafe  
3564 Remembrance Drive  
**Time:** Doors open at 5pm
This week has seen students Year 7 and elective students building gingerbread houses in German. This is fun, but what has it got to do with learning a language?

Learning a new language includes learning about the culture of that language. Building a Lebkuchenhaus (gingerbread house) is a traditional German Christmas activity and now a traditional Wollondilly one. In addition we have been learning the vocabulary that surrounds the activity, words like Wand, Tür, Fenster, Dach, Schornstein and Haus. We have also revised the colours as we talked about the colourful decorations we put onto our houses.

Year 8 haven’t been left out as they have enjoyed German afternoon tea this week. They were required to ask for their food and drink in German and have had the opportunity to sample Apfelstrudel, Stollen and Lebkuchen.

Thanks to Frau Jobbins who helped students with their pronunciation for these activities.

Remember “Monolingualism is curable. Learn another language!”

Mrs Carolyn Clark
Language Teacher
We had a great day on Saturday at our Term 4 Working Bee with lots of parents and students turning up to get lots done. The Friday before was very wet with lots of rain softening the ground and making it easier for us all.

I’m always here around 7.00 am setting up and there was one family who turned up early to start work in the gardens even though the official start time is 8.00 am.

The jobs achieved were;

- The Rose gardens north east of Admin as well as the Canteen gardens were weeded, tidied up, edged and mulched. Dr Quarmby, who had left work he was going to do at home, helped here as well.
- The gardens across from the bus bay were pruned and weeded by one team of hard workers
- Gardens around Elizabeth were weeded, pruned and tidied up.
- Rubbish was picked up around the College field as well as other areas by the students with the aid of their parents.
- Books were covered in Flynn 2 across the bridge by a team of dedicated people
- Cobwebs were brushed away and verandahs were swept
- One dead Black Wattle tree was cut down and cut up by one of our dads with the aid of his daughter
- Adrian Den who is a builder, finished off two granite pathways in the new Flynn carpark by first building the timber edges and then bringing in the crushed granite from Mark’s Landscape Supplies on his own ute. The paths look great.
- Because of the rain we had on Friday, I hired a lawn aerator from Picton Hire and with the aid of Andrew Russell and his son Fuzz, we aerated the front lawn area of the College. The ground was nice and soft so this machine did a great job.
- Staff came in and caught up with jobs in their own areas as well as in the gardens around the College.
- I had to leave before lunch to attend a wedding, so I would especially like to thank, Rob, Amanda, Chris as well as John for their hard work in getting things done and packed up at the end of the day.

It was great to meet and work alongside some new comers and help make the College shine for the end of the year. Having so many folk attend really helps get some of these big jobs done. Thank you all once more.

A big thanks also to the Wollondilly Anglican Community Church who provided a scrumptious morning tea and the P&F hospitality team who provided the BBQ lunch.

Mr Fred Schroder
Property Manager
**PRIMARY SPORT**

Please return all IPSSO sporting uniforms to your coaches by next Tuesday. Netball to Mrs Reid, Soccer to Mrs Vidler, Basketball to Mr McIntosh.

Yesterday was the final swimming session for College Sport children.

Sport next week will be the final round of our Interhouse Competition. After Rounds 1 and 2, Telopea is out in front followed by Wollemi and Sollya on equal second.

Next week we will be handing out swimming notes for our final sports afternoon. Please return these notes to your *class teacher*, not your roll call teacher.

Congratulations to the Senior Girls’ Soccer Team on your great efforts at yesterday’s IPSSO finals!

Mr Stuart McIntosh  
Primary Sports Coordinator

**SECONDARY SPORT**

Finally we managed to play a round of the MISA competition. This week we played against John Therry. Both cricket teams had convincing wins. Oztag and Volleyball both lost.

Next week in MISA Tuesday, 3 December. We play St Benedict’s College.  
Oztag (Years 7 -9 Girls & Boys) – Kirkham, Camden  
Volleyball (Years 10 -11 Girls & Boys) – WAC  
Cricket (Year 7 and Years 8 & 9) – WAC

Mr Richard Madden  
Secondary Sports Coordinator

**NEWS FROM THE INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRES**

**Textbooks** - *Years 7-10*: All textbooks, cds and English novels are due back on or before Monday, 2 December. Please assist us by ensuring your child has all textbooks ready to return.

**Library Books** - *T- Year 10*: All library books are now due back to the College. Please return any books as soon as possible. Overdue notes will be handed out early next week.

**Contact orders**: These have been placed and orders should arrive in the College next week. All orders will be sent home with the respective students. Please let me know if you would prefer to pick up the contact from the office.

Live a life well read

Mrs Louise Saint-John  
IRC Coordinator
THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS
Red Days for Term 4 will be Monday, 2 December and Monday 9, December

Friday 29/11 - Judy Scholes          [Help Needed]
Monday 2/12 - Michelle Morris
Tuesday 3/12 - Anne Woods
Wednesday 4/12 - Susan Kellert
Thursday 5/12 - Clare Seidel
Friday 6/12 - Judy Scholes
Monday 9/12 - Judy Scholes
Tuesday 10/12 - Anne Woods
Wednesday 11/12 - Michelle Clark
Thursday 12/12 - Virginia Williams - Judy Scholes
Friday 13/12 - Staff Development

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.

**Bargo and Buxton Wastewater Scheme:** Sydney Water is holding a Community Information Session about its new servicing strategy to transfer wastewater to existing system in Tahmoor, as part of the Bargo and Buxton Wastewater Scheme. There will be no formal presentation, so please feel free to drop in at any time. **Thursday, 8 December 4.00 pm — 8.00 pm, Tahmoor Public School.**

**Carols by the Tree (6.30 pm to 8.00 pm) Saturday, 7 December:** In the grounds of St Anthony’s School, Menangle Street, Picton. Rotary Sausage sizzle and drinks available from 6.00 pm.

School Zones in Operation: The NSW Government has advised that the Double Demerit Point (DDP) period for Christmas 2013 and New Year 2014 will be effective from Friday, 20 December to Wednesday, 1 January 2014 inclusive. Schools may wish to inform parents that Friday, 20 December is a gazetted school day therefore DDPs will apply to all relevant school zone offences committed on that day.

**WAC Sports Champions!**

Nathan Moore (Year 9), Luke Moore (Year 7) and Jacob Badewitz (Year 8) were asked to be official flag bearers for the opening ceremony of the Australian Socceroos v Costa Rica (game was held at Allianz Stadium on Tuesday, 19 November).
Wollondilly Anglican Community Church (WACC) meets in the Clifford Warne Auditorium every Sunday at 9am.

In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15

Our youth Church just enjoyed a camp together, being encouraged and encouraging each other in sharing our faith. When you have something that has turned your life from darkness to light, from empty to full, from poor to rich, it's worth sharing.

Rev. Rob Meischke 0437533106
Psalm 127:1 Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain.

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Prayer Points

Thank God

- For our emergency services personnel
- For the support of families
- For our caring community and the chance to join together to support and to grieve

Ask God

- To call into service the next generation of emergency workers to take on the difficult task of managing lives in trauma
- That He would comfort those families who continue to mourn victims of road trauma and to nurse accident victims with traumatic and ongoing injuries
- 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

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Kindergarten Snugglepot on their first day at the College.

Look how we have grown! Kindergarten Snugglepot looking forward to all the many end of term celebrations.