Sometimes I worry about what to write

Are you the type to lie awake at night worrying about the circumstances that life has lain before you? Are you the type to mull over future conversations – trying to figure out how to keep the peace through a difficult conversation – how to best manage a misunderstanding or an apology? Do you ever have a task that you know must be completed but you are worried about where to start? If the answer is YES then you are probably in the majority.

Sometimes fear can be a good thing. I know that many students are very nervous, even fearful, when they come to the College for an enrolment interview. This is an encouraging type of fear. It means that they care. It is a sign that success is important to them and they fear making a mistake or missing out.

Sometimes fear can be a bad thing. It can be the biggest hurdle to climb when making a decision to move forward in life – fear of failure, fear of ridicule, fear of being noticed, even fear of success. “For a long time it seemed to me that life was about to begin - real life - but there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business, time still to be served, a debt to be paid. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles were my life. This perspective has helped me to see there is no way to happiness. Happiness is the way.”

Alfred D Souza.

The worst kind of fear is False Evidence Appearing Real (F.E.A.R). I know of a girl who was afraid of making a telephone call to ask a local business if she could do some work experience there. She asked her parents to arrange it instead. Sadly, she had inherited a mean set of parents who decided that she should stand on her own two feet and they refused to make the call. It was the catalyst for a showdown and days of furrowed eyebrows, stamping feet and raised voices. Eventually, she made the call. “Sure,” said the voice of the employer over the phone, we’d be glad to have you.” Problem solved. It was a case of false evidence appearing real.

If you are ever unsure of why a machine is not working properly, the best person to consult would be the person who made the machine. Of course, this is not always possible and so most contraptions come with a set of instructions. God is our manufacturer and – sure enough – we come with a set of instructions. Most problems can be corrected by consulting the manual. Fear is one of them - Matthew 6:25-34 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these.

I will leave the final word to an expert. Who better to give a commentary on worry than a person who shielded people hiding from persecution, knowing that a knock at the door could mean death? Who better, to talk about fear than a person who spent some of the best years of her life as a prisoner in a concentration camp, suffering unspeakable abuse and torture?

Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow. It empties today of its strength. Corrie Ten Boom
2015 ENROLMENTS

A reminder that we are currently enrolling students for 2015. Our main entry points (Transition, Kindergarten and Year 7) are very popular so please submit your enrolment applications ASAP if you are intending to enrol your child/ren in any of these years.

Applications for enrolment into Years 1 - 6 and Years 8 - 11 are also welcomed.

It's not too late:
Hoping to enrol your child/ren at WAC in 2014? It isn't too late. Please pick up an enrolment package from the College office or telephone 02 4684 2577

2015 SCHOLARSHIPS

With only one week until the end of term, I urge you to start considering your scholarship application should you wish to apply for a 2015 scholarship for your child/ren. Applications close Monday, 10 February and LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

2013 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, students from all other years at the College and their families are also invited. Fantastic live performances, presentation of esteemed awards, 2014 Captains announcements, meet our mentors... so much to enjoy.

When: Tuesday, 10 December, arrive at 6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm start.
General public welcome!

FOR NEW STUDENTS

If you have a child starting at WAC in 2014 in Years 1 to 5, you and your child are invited to the College to meet your new teacher:
Tuesday, 10 December 2.00 pm.

Mrs Christine Mozejko
Development Manager

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS
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

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.

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

Nu-Era Homes

Taverner Landscapes

Xstrata

Tahmoor Coal
Thank you for the ongoing support.
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.
- Years 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

Swimming against the parenting tide
Sometimes as a parent you need to swim against the tide of popular opinion - that is, what your kids and fellow parents think. Obviously, that takes some parenting steel.

It seems that you must do this a great deal when you are parenting teenagers. You may intuitively know what’s best for them (‘You are too young to go to that party! It’s just too risky’) yet you risk an argument, or not being spoken to for a week if you stand your ground. It’s easy to give into young people to maintain your relationship, and to be liked.

But you don’t always need to be liked by your young person. However you do need to be respected. Aim for respect, not to be liked, as they won’t always approve of your decisions. Respect often comes later......much later when they are older and understand that you were acting in their best interests. Respect is earned by treating young people respectfully; but also acting in their best interests, which often means swimming against the tide of popular opinion.

Here are four ideas to help you swim against the tide and maintain the respect you need to influence young people:

1. **Double up:** If your partner is available, then you need to present a united front on many issues with young people, particularly around risk-taking activities and relationships. It’s plain hard work alone. Single parents need to draw strength from friends, relatives and other colleagues.

2. **Call in the troops:** If in doubt, speak to other parents and find out what they think and what they are doing with their young people. It’s easier to stand your ground when you know what other parents think and do. Kids use ‘the divide and conquer’ principle a lot when they want to manipulate their parents.

3. **Refer to a respected adult:** Sometimes it’s useful to call on a respected ally in your child’s life. Often they’ll listen to others but not to you, even though the message is the same. Even if you can’t call on a respected adult ally in person, you can bring them into the picture saying, “What do you think your uncle would say?” Most of the time, they’ll know!

4. **Use one point communication:** When teens want to engage in an argument, rather than a conversation, or they want to continue a fight way after negotiation has finished, use one point communication to get your message across. That is, don’t respond and don’t make eye contact with them. Looking away robs them of their power. I’m not suggesting we harm your relationship but you do need to use assertive communication techniques to help you stand your ground.

Remember; aim to be respected by teenagers and children as an adult who has their long-term best interests at heart, not necessarily to be liked, which is short-term and not always the wisest strategy.

*Source: M. Grose parentingideas.com.au*

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster
Peer Support Leaders 2014

As reported previously in earlier Waratah Weeklies the Peer Support Program will be implemented at the College in 2014. The program will be led by Year 10 students who will be co-facilitating a group of Year 7 students.

The program will run for eight consecutive weeks and will be delivered in Term 1 2014 to assist with the transition of Year 7 students into the Secondary school. The following students have been selected to deliver the program as co-facilitators:

Stephen Burrett and Rebekah Law, Matthew Dunk and Grayce Keen, Levi Bennett and Briony Fox, Eyob Geist and Cassandra Morrison, Nicholas Gregory and Gabby Apps, Lachlan Goulding and Kathryn Beale, Hayden Hecimovic and Tyler Wilson, Andrew Ramage and Alexandra Gaidzionis, Thomas Angel and Georgina Deer, Mitchell Everett and Tyla Kelly, Nathan Moore and Gabriella Fiatarone, Jaidyn Head and Tayla Sias.

The following students who participated in the training are advised that they are on stand-by each week to replace the students listed above due to absence or being involved in other College based activities. Sophie Dymond, Harry Goulding, Brittany Munzenrieder, Cameron Majewski, Maddison Lane, Nathaniel Sullivan, Adam Morris, Jayden Wills.

All students who were involved in the training days are to be commended on the way in which they conducted themselves. The input and involvement from all students made the final selection decisions and very difficult one for the staff involved.

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.

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.

Flag Raising

All students in Acacia are advised that they are permitted to wear their House Shirt and Sports Uniform on Friday, 6 December. This is to recognise that they both had the longest coin line in the recent RFS fundraiser and also raised the most money that was donated to the RFS.

The flag raising will take place at lunch-time on Friday and ice-blocks will also be provided. Acacia are to be commended on the outstanding manner in which they have supported this initiative.

Mr Liam Toland
Director of Pastoral Care T-12
**PRIMARY MATTERS**

**Reminder: 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 regarding 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)*

**HEALTHY EATING DAY**

On Wednesday, 11 December at 11.50 am Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) will participate in a healthy lunch experience. The hands-on activities will provide the students with the opportunity to create their own healthy lunch. This day has been planned to develop healthy eating ideas and to focus on the learning that has been occurring in our Integrated Unit over the term.

The students will engage in preparing salad items to roll inside wraps and rice paper. They will create fun fruit sticks packing the items altogether ready to eat for their lunch.

The students may require some Parent or Guardian assistance, please contact your child’s class teacher if you are able to help.

*Stage 1 Teachers  
Mrs Maher, Mrs Frost, Mr McIntosh*

**CHRISTMAS CHAPEL**

**SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 9.00 AM WARNE AUDITORIUM**

As has become the Tradition the Junior School, under the direction of Team Chapel, have put together what promises to be another fabulous Christmas Chapel.

Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend Christmas Chapel on Thursday, 12 December. It will be held in the Warne Auditorium commencing at 9.00 am. We look forward to sharing this special event with you.

It is a great way to end our College year and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

*A reminder that the Teddy Bears’ Picnic will follow straight after Christmas Chapel.*

We hope to see you all there.

*Team Chapel and the Junior School Teachers*
**Scholastic Book Club orders:** All orders were completed and handed out to the students on Wednesday. Any student who did not get their order may collect it from the College office. If there were any problems with any orders, please contact me directly.

**Contact orders:** The contact orders were sent home with students on Wednesday. If you did not get your order, it may be collected from the office.

**Overdue Library Books:** All library books and home readers are now due back in the library. Overdue notes will be sent home with the students on Friday (in their diaries). Please help us by finding and returning the books on Monday.

**Overdue Textbooks:** These were due back at the College on Monday, 2 December. Students who still have overdue books will have it written in their diaries. Students who do not return their books by Friday will have the replacement cost billed to their account as we have to replace these books ready for next year’s students.

Year 12 students are able to keep all their textbooks and library books over the holidays. They may also borrow any new resources needed for their study next week.

Live a life well read.

Mrs Louise Saint-John  
IRC Coordinator

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**YEAR 7 EXCURSION TO MINNAMURRA RAINFOREST CENTRE**

On Wednesday, 27 November all students from Year 7 travelled to the Minnamurra Rainforest Centre to view and study what is a rare remnant of temperate and sub-tropical rainforest in the Illawarra region. We enjoyed recess and lunch in the beautiful picnic area as well as an interesting talk by NPWS staff and a guided walk through the rainforest.

The focus of the day was conservation. One of the keys to the conservation of rainforest environments is education. Students were reminded about their importance in terms of:

- habitat (for indigenous groups and flora/fauna);
- their value as source of medical cures and treatments;
- timber (sustainably sourced); and
- climate moderation (photosynthesis, moisture control and cooling).

Thank you to Mrs Whitelaw, Miss Johnson (our university student on practicum) and Mr Cassidy for your help on the day – it was superb.

Mr Jay Hart  
Secondary Teacher
VOCAL COACH FOR 2014

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of Mr Brendan Hay from the peripatetic music staff at the end of 2013. Mr Hay's contribution to the vocal life of the College has been invaluable, forming the vocal ensemble and assisting with the College musical for the past four years. I have valued Mr Hay's opinion and genuinely appreciated his dedication to our students.

As many of you will be aware Mr Hay reached the finals of Australia’s Got Talent and next year is hoping to further that exciting part of his career. We will miss him, and wish him well for his exciting future in the performing arts.

To replace Mr Hay in 2014 we are delighted to announce that MARGARET URLICH will be our new vocal coach from 2014.

"A melody is such a strong thing", observes Margaret Urlich. "It evokes so many different images and emotions. People respond to music, it becomes part of their lives".

Ever since releasing her debut solo album 'Safety in Numbers' in 1989, Margaret Urlich has come to realise just how much her music is a part of people's lives. New Zealand born Urlich saw her first album steadily build into a major hit on the Australian charts. By '91, Safety in Numbers had gained the singer an astonishing three platinum albums in Australia and a No.1 platinum album in her homeland.

In Margaret's own words: “This is not about better versions of existing songs as I feel that the original versions, sung and played by the original musicians are the definitive versions, and to compete with that would be futile. I guess that this album is about me having a brilliant time recording some excellent songs and learning a lot more about songwriting in the process.”

In a professional career that is now into its second decade, Margaret Urlich has carved herself a distinctive niche in a highly competitive industry that has no room for second best. Margaret Urlich is a unique artist who has truly challenged the stereotypes.

Please visit her website at http://www.margareturlich.com/ for more information.

To secure your child's place in having lessons with Margaret please contact Mr Shaw at the office and complete the relevant forms.

Mr Simon Denley
Creative Arts Coordinator

INTRODUCING W. ACDC

It is with great pleasure that the Creative Arts faculty announce the 2014 launch of our first ever Wollondilly Anglican College Dance Company (W. ACDC)!

The company will provide exciting new co-curricular opportunities for students to participate in advanced dance technique classes, as well as performances and competitions in the local area. We invite all students with a passion for dance to get involved!

The senior company is now taking applications from all interested students in Years 9 -12. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 2.45 pm -4.15 pm.

Please contact Mrs Hedges (formerly Miss Bugden) for further information. A sign-up sheet is located outside the Melba staffroom for students who wish to register for application.

Happy Dancing!

Mrs Hedges
Dance Teacher
s.bugden@wac.nsw.edu.au
02 4684 2271
ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL FOR 2014

We are delighted to announce that in 2014 we will be expanding our College performance ensembles to include a Stage 3 Concert Band and a 7 to 12 Choir, as well as our 7 to 12 Dance Troop that will be under the guidance of Mrs Hedges (Miss Bugden) This is an exciting new direction for our amazing dancers and singers. String Ensemble has also changed its rehearsal day to Thursday, string players please take note. The Stage 3 concert band will be conducted by Mr Coutts-Smith, this is a really exciting development for Music in the Primary School.

Rehearsals for the After School ensembles will be on the following days:

- Monday (Term 1 and 2) Musical 2.45 pm to 5.45 pm Warne Auditorium (don't forget about the rehearsal week in the second week of the Term 2/3 holidays)
- Tuesday 7-12 Concert Band 2.45 pm to 4.15 pm Melba 1 (all year)
- Tuesday Dance Troop 2.45 pm to 4.15 pm Warne Auditorium (all year)
- Wednesday 5-6 Concert Band 2.45 pm to 3.35 pm Melba 1 (all year)
- Thursday String Ensemble 2.45 pm to 4.15 pm Melba 1 (all year)
- Friday 7-12 Choir 2.45 pm to 4.15 pm Melba Amphitheatre (all year)

The College Ensembles are open to any student who learns an instrument suited to that ensemble. Participation in the 7 to 12 Choir is a requirement in order to be considered for the College Vocal Ensemble that rehearses in Terms 3 and 4 on Monday afternoons next year.

If you have any questions about the Ensembles or rehearsal times or requirements please call Mr Denley 4684 2577.

Next year we will also have an expanded line up of music tutors, with more specialist teachers coming on board, specialising in flute, piano, upper and lower brass as well as a new vocal teacher. More information next week about those changes.

Have a great week.

Mr Simon Denley
Creative Arts Coordinator

DESIGN AN AD

For the past few years students of Wollondilly Anglican College have participated in the Advertiser Fairfax Limited 'Design an Ad' art and graphic design competition. The 'Design an Ad' competition has been awarded for the past 27 years, involving the participation of the community, students and local businesses. Students are given a design brief for a local business and were asked to create an A5 advertisement without using a computer.

The designs had to be made completely by hand using pencil, crayons, felt pens or any form of 2D art, other than digital graphics. On Wednesday, 27 November Caitlyn Gardiner, Rebekah Wales, their parents and myself attended the awards evening at Glencore a.k.a. Xstrata.

Caitlyn Gardiner was awarded a 1st prize certificate, a medallion and a cheque for $800 for her highly skilled drawing advertisement for Century 21 Real Estate. Rebekah Wales was awarded a 3rd prize certificate, a medallion and a cheque for $100 for her highly skilled rendered illustration for Picton Sand and Soil advertisement.

We would also like to thank the Wollondilly Advertiser for inviting us to take part in the competition and Glencore for sponsoring and supporting the local newspaper, local schools and other local businesses.

Mrs Belinda Taylor
Secondary Teacher
P&F News

P&F President Danielle Turner and Vice President Lorna Harper with some of the items to benefit all students that P&F funds raised in 2013 were allocated towards. The College Bus and Quad Tip tray used during P&F Working Bee.

Middle School Presentation Night

Next Wednesday, 11 December is a great day for our College as we celebrate not only our amazing growth but also the many outstanding achievements of our middle school students. Our first ever Middle School Annual Presentation Night starts at 7.00 pm and promises to be a great gala event. See you all there!

Mrs Lisa Rockwell
Pastoral Care Coordinator (5-8)

Exchange Opportunity to Germany

Earlier this year Wollondilly hosted two exchange students from Germany for three months. Paula Fischer and Christopher Adams quickly became a part of the College community and were missed when they returned to Germany. Their hosts Ben Spooner and Emily Clark will be returning this December to stay in Germany during our summer holidays.

I have received applications from two girls from our link school, who would like to participate in a similar exchange. There has also been some interest expressed by a couple of boys at our link school. If you are interested in hosting one of these young people from Germany and/or doing an exchange to Germany, please contact Mrs Clark. It is a school ranked 7 academically in Germany and has a very similar philosophy, and similar students, to our own College at Wollondilly.

Exchanges are a wonderful opportunity to experience a new culture in a genuine way. The families we met in Germany at our link school were very friendly and were very welcoming to our students. It would be great if the Wollondilly College community could extend the same sort of welcome.

Mrs Carolyn Clark
Secondary Teacher
**SECONDARY SPORT**

Both Oztag teams had fantastic wins against St Benedict’s College this week. The boys team won 10-5 and the girls team won 6-0.

Permission notes for swimming at Picton Leisure Centre are due back this Friday, 6 December. Next week there won’t be any MISA, MISA teams will be playing games with their respective coaches.

Mr Richard Madden  
Secondary Sports Coordinator

**SPORTS UNIFORMS**

As the end of the year approaches, the College needs to complete stocktake and prepare for next year. If you have any MISA or representative sport uniforms forgotten, still lying in drawers at home, can they make their way back to the College ASAP.

Mr Russell  
Secondary Teacher

**PRIMARY SPORT**

Permission notes for next Wednesday’s end-of-year swimming afternoon have been handed today to all students in Years 3 to 6. Please return these notes tomorrow.

We are still missing a number of sporting uniforms. These should have been returned to your coach. If you still have a top at home, please return these tomorrow.

Through the week we received correspondence from Mike Hussey - our local hero. Posters and other information will be put up around Cook and Elizabeth and passed onto teachers. All children are welcome to email Mike. His email is: localhero@sydneythunder.com.au

If anyone does email, please include Mike Hussey in the subject line. For example, Subject: Local Hero-Mike Hussey.

It would be great for as many children as possible to email and share with him a little about themselves, about our College and ask him questions.

Mr Stuart McIntosh  
Primary Sports Coordinator

- Ex-Australian and Western Australian Cricketer.
- Captain of the Sydney Thunder.
- Wollondilly Anglican College Sports Ambassador for 2014.  

Mike Hussey
JUNIOR FORMAL ASSEMBLY—THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER
MIDDLE FORMAL ASSEMBLY—FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER
JUNIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT—TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER
SENIOR FORMAL ASSEMBLY—WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER
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The trusted name in accounting in the Liverpool & Cabramatta region for over 50 years, now in Narellan. Family owned and operated.
**Red Day — Monday, 9 December**—Please be aware that food choices will be very limited during the last days of next week and substitutions may be made.

### 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.

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.

Wollondilly Shire Council Holiday Program: The Wollondilly Council is running an amazing holiday program for all age groups over the holiday season, please check out their website www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au or phone 4677 8300 for more information.

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.

Event Information: Take a walk through Bethlehem…. right here in Mittagong.
An interactive Christmas experience for all!
Friday, 20 December & Saturday, 21 December—4.00 pm—7.00 pm (Please leave at least 30 minutes to walk through).
Free Entry and refreshments.
Step back in time into a recreation of 1st Century Bethlehem, at the time of Jesus' birth. Come spot the shepherds, wander with the wise men, glance at the goats, call on the craftspeople, move through the marketplace and see the stable with Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus!
At St Stephen's Anglican Church, Main Street Mittagong
More information: visit www.mittang.com.au, email bethlehem@mittang.com.au or call 02 4871 1947

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.
**December**

Thursday 5  | Toto Graduation
Friday 6    | Year 6 Progress Dinner
Monday 9    | Tembo Graduation
Tuesday 10  | College Presentation and Showcase Night
Wednesday 11| IPSSO Presentation afternoon
             | Middle Presentation Night
Thursday 12 | Last Day Students
Friday 13   | Staff Professional Development Day
Saturday 14 | Old Wollondillians Christmas Catch-up

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**Calendar Update**

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If you ordered the special Book Covering contact, please note it has arrived and can be collected from the College Office.

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

*For to us a child is born,... And he will be called... Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6*

Most of the time, our idea of Christmas peace is that hour of quiet in the house between the unwrapping and the breaking of the presents, or getting through the dinner without an argument between Uncle Loudmouth and Auntie Grumpsalot. But, that’s nothing compared with having eternal peace with the loving God who sent his Son to save us from our own mess. May his peace determine ours this Christmas.

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.

Prayer Points
(Missionaries in Nigeria)

Thank God
- For a successful start to the academic year
- For the grants from Anglican Aid and the Australian High Commission
- For progress on our building projects

Ask God
- To help us as we try to sort out health issues
- To be with the Dean, Bishop Praises Omole as he seeks to raise funds for the new students’ hostel and establishes the new computer school
- For students who struggle regularly to find their fees
- For staff members who are doing some of our duties

Yours in Christ’s love, Alan & Helen Wood

Mrs Napier and her class
Kindergarten Cuddlepie on their first day of College!

Look at us now!
KC and Mrs Napier enjoying their last weeks of Kindergarten.