Welcome to the 120 new students of all ages who are starting at Wollondilly this year. In God’s marvellous grace, and even in the face of limited vacancies, we continue to be one of the fastest growing Independent Schools in NSW. Welcome back to each of the other 630 students at the College as well. 2014 is a year of new beginnings. People tend to think in tens (perhaps because most of us have ten fingers and ten toes) and we have celebrated the end of our first ten years, so it is with renewed vigour, enthusiasm and purpose that we embark on the next ten years. There has been a buzz of excitement at the College this year as many teaching staff have been in to join office and grounds staff in preparation for 2014.

Our “new” start also coincided with the celebration of Australia Day. Imagine yourself back on these desolate shores on that first Sunday in the new colony, 3 February, 1788. You are attending the first church service in the new colony. You are probably a convict – sent to Australia as a “life sentence” for perhaps a minor misdemeanour. You could be a member of the armed service, guarding the prisoners. You could even be the Governor of the new colony or a local aborigine.

But imagine for a moment that you are the first Chaplain, Richard Johnson, planning the first sermon in a hastily erected temporary shelter under the fierce Australian sun. You look around. Most of the things that are familiar to you are gone forever. You accepted this lonely post believing that it was God’s will for your life – you felt compelled. It was a heavenly call to an earthly mission. There are no comfortable houses (there are no houses!); no family; none of the trappings of the good life that you had worked so hard for – and the first sermon is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to begin the process of binding a group of disparate people into the beginnings of a new nation. No pressure! You thumb through the Bible. There is little support there for the “poor me” syndrome amongst prisoners and officials alike that has become all too common on the horrendous journey from England to Australia in a small crowded boat. You decide that perhaps there would be better times to speak on matters such as “the wages of sin is death”, or “blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly”. Creation is a possible theme – after all, it would be difficult to find any time in history where a group of people were surrounded by so much of it – and in such an unaltered state.

It is your custom to pray before you preach, so you turn to God for inspiration and find yourself flicking through the book of Psalms. Little would you know that your choice that day would be recorded on a plaque as the text of the first sermon and be referenced thousands of time since as people of faith look back at our beginnings and remember to be thankful – to focus on what they have and look forward, upward and outward rather than focus on what they lack and look backward, inward and downward.

You look up as you finish and interrupt the glare of a convict in the front row. He spits on the ground and swears profusely. “What would that robed popinjay know about real life; about struggling and suffering”, he mutters self-righteously loudly enough for you to hear. You are encouraged by the answer of the other convict. “I did not choose to be here. He did. He must think we are worth something. In my book, that makes him worth listening to”.

On the first day of our new beginning, it is worth remembering for us as well as we embark on our next ten years together. The text that Richard Johnson preached on was Psalm 116:12;

What shall I render unto the Lord, for all His benefits towards me?
Congratulations to the Year 12 class of 2013 for their outstanding results in the 2013 HSC, the College has once again been ranked as one of only five secondary schools from the Wollondilly Shire and surrounding districts on the Top 200 Schools list in NSW/ACT.

Alyssa Girvan, ATAR 97.15, who topped the state in Year 10 Geography, followed her academic results through into the Higher School Certificate with Band sixes in five of her subjects – Ancient History, Biology, Advanced English, Extension History, and Modern History. In a year where accolades were spread across a broad range of subject options, Eleanor Sullivan, ATAR 94.20, was awarded Band sixes for Business Studies and PDHPE.

10 Band sixes (the highest band possible) were achieved among the 22 students eligible for an ATAR.

Subjects to shine in 2013 included Ancient History, Design and Technology, Food Technology, Extension History, Primary Industries and Visual Arts, where all students achieved in the top three bands. 40% of students in the Design and Technology class at the College received a Band 6.

Congratulations are due to those students who were placed on the Distinguished Achievers’ Merit list for NSW. All have been invited by the Mayor of Wollondilly Shire to a special Mayor reception early in 2014;

Alyssa Girvan
Eleanor Sullivan
Joshua Hornery
Cameron Hunt
Cameron Wright

Of course, great results measured against external benchmarks are important and worthy of celebration, but there were smiles all round from other students in Year 12 who gained results that represented stories of average academic track records being converted through the hard work of staff and their own endeavours into expanded career options.

Thirlmere Festival of STEAM — Sunday, 2 March

Meet Mr Toland at 12.30 pm to walk in the parade at 1.00 pm.

Wollondilly is the platinum sponsor of the festival so it is VERY important that we have a good turnout of students. Even our bus will be in the parade (the lead vehicle)!

We would love it if you could come along. Our new College Marquee will be in the park and we will be giving out free helium balloons, doing free glitter temporary tattoos and Mrs Talbot’s drama group will be running puppet shows throughout the day. Come along, have fun and support your College.

We look forward to a GREAT festival!
Thank you to our Sponsor

The P&F need to thank Mr Mick Boyle (owner and MD of Abergeldie) and Mr Daniel McPherson for the generous donation of a container to store P&F supplies. This is a very expensive item to purchase so we are very grateful for their kindness and support.

Mrs Danielle Turner
P&F President
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS CLOSING VERY SOON!**

Scholarship applications for Years 5, 7, 9 and 11 are closing on Monday, 10 February. The closing date is dictated by the external testing centre and late applications cannot be accepted. Please contact Mrs Mozejko for more information.

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2015**

Interviews have commenced for students applying for entry into secondary years in 2015. It is important that parents wishing students to be enrolled Transition to Year 12 fill in the Application for Enrolment documentation. If you are aware of friends wishing to receive application information, please inform them as positions, particularly for Year 7 are filling quickly and we intend, at this stage, to again limit the number of classes to three. Primary interviews for K-6 will also commence this term. Transition interviews will commence in Term 2.

(Please do not delay applications for 2015. Some who left it until the last minute to apply for positions to start this year (2014) have been placed on a waiting list for some classes)

Application for Enrolment documentation is available from Mrs Mozejko at the College office or online at www.wac.nsw.edu.au.

**FEES FOR 2014**

Parents would be aware that College Council last year considered a proposed budget from the Headmaster and approved fee rises that ranged from zero to a few per cent for 2014. Fee rises were contained to the cost of salary increases and a number of other charges remained the same.

The Headmaster and College Council would also like to acknowledge the hard work of parents and staff at fundraisers during the year.

Mrs Christine Mozejko
College Development Manager

**VACCINATIONS FOR ALL YEAR 7 STUDENTS AND YEAR 9 (BOYS ONLY)**

Vaccinations for all Year 7 Students and Year 9 Boys (only) will be held on Tuesday, 18 February. Vaccination forms have been handed out and need to be returned to the College Office by Monday, 10 February. Could you please make sure your Medicare number is given.

**LOST PROPERTY FROM 2013**

We have a number of items which are labelled from last year. Please collect all items from the College Office, by Monday, 17 February, otherwise items will be donated to our Clothing Pool.

**SCHOOL BANKING—DOLLARMITES**

Banking is back on at the College, starting from this Wednesday, 12 February. Students are able to drop in their banking books to the College Office first thing in the morning.

If you would like your child to start banking please see the enclosed envelope from Commonwealth Bank.

Happy Saving!!
Years 5-7 Information Night
This will be held in the Warne Auditorium and commences at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 11 February. This evening is an opportunity for parents to gain information on a range of Teaching and Learning and Pastoral Care Issues.

Parent Portal
We also hope to be able to demonstrate to parents how they can access the academic progress of their children via our ‘Parent Portal’.

Years 5&6
Parents will have the opportunity to meet with the class teacher. (Students are not required to attend)

Year 7
We anticipate that students and at least one of their parents attend the information evening
Year 7 students are expected to attend the evening in College uniform.

Years 11 & 12 Information Night
Tuesday, 25 February in Flynn Amphitheatre at 7.00 pm
- We anticipate that students and at least one of their parents attend.
- Some information regarding the calculation of HSC marks and scaling.
- Tips to successful achievement in the HSC.
- There will be information regarding the demands of the Year 11 and 12 courses and the expectations regarding Assessment.
- A demonstration of access to the Parent Portal on Edumate
- Students are expected to wear their College uniform.

Assessment Handbooks – Years 7-12.
Year 12 will soon receive their Assessment Handbook, which outlines the College Assessment Policy and provides information to parents and students with regard to the processes involved with HSC Assessment. An Assessment Calendar and assessment dates can also be accessed by parents on the Edumate Parent Portal
Assessment Handbooks will be available in the next week for Years 7 to 11 with similar information relating to their particular year group.

Gold/Silver Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Expedition – Milford Track
The Milford Track expedition was one of the highlights of the year in 2013. Ten students and three staff undertook the four day, 55 kilometre hike in the first week of the Christmas break. The hike rates as one of the best hikes in the world. The hike was a great experience with spectacular scenery and challenging ascents and descents. We also had the opportunity to try white water rafting and luge rides in Queenstown.

Congratulations to the students involved who were keen and interested in everything and who were wonderful ambassadors for the College: Tom Hart, Aaron Manson, Emily Clark, Ethan Keable, Briony Roelandts, Hayden Wood, Genevieve Woods, Andrew Russell, Georgina SaintJohn-Viney, Alec Jenson.

Thanks to Mr Hicks and Mrs Croger who assisted me with the expedition and for giving up the first week of their holidays to supervise the students. I would especially like to thank Mr Hicks and Genevieve Woods for graciously offering to return on the first day of the hike with one of our students who had sustained an injury and who couldn’t continue the hike. The three of them had their own special fun touring parts of the South Island of New Zealand and photographing sheep.
The correct wearing of the College uniform is an agreed condition of enrolment at the College. Our uniform assists in the provision of order and the maintenance of certain minimum standards of personal presentation. Failure to follow uniform guidelines properly will form part of the students’ record at the College. All shirts are to be tucked in.

Students are to wear in –

Terms 1 and 4 Full Summer Uniform
Terms 2 and 3 Full Winter Uniform

Length: Dress lengths will be checked to comply with the outline
Jewellery: No chains, rings, ankle or wrist bracelets or body piercing are allowed at any time
Earrings: Girls: one gold or silver stud or sleeper in each earlobe only
Boys: no earrings at any time
Nails: Are to be an appropriate length and without coloured nail polish
Hair: Should be one natural colour (original or close to original), no streaks

Boys: Should not cover their eyes
Should be above the collar
Should be minimum length 3 for buzz-cuts.
Should not be excessively spiked or messy

Girls: Should be tied back at the nape of the neck (for safety)
Should allow a hat to be easily worn
Hair adornments (ribbons etc) need to be dark green, black or white.
The exception is for sports carnival days where House colours are welcomed and encouraged.

Tattoos: No visible tattoos
Faces: Boys: to be clean shaven
Girls: are not to wear make-up (light foundation is permitted if written permission from parents is provided to the Year Patron)

Shoes: K-12 need to be BLACK, POLISHABLE LEATHER FLAT HEELED LACE-UP. College Shoes (not black joggers). Shoes should also be polished from time to time (if not daily). Other shoes do not meet WH&S requirements for Science Labs and Technology workshops. Sport/PE shoes need to be PREDOMINANTLY white lace-ups not skater type shoes.

Socks: Mid calf (sport/ankle socks are not permissible)
Gloves: Available at the College (Optional in winter)
Scarf: Available at the College (Optional in winter)

Hats Primary: All students wear a broad brimmed bottle green hat with crest and cap with crest (sport)
Secondary: Girls: Broad brimmed hat with band and cap with crest (sport).
Boys: Akubra style hat and cap with crest (sport)

Raincoats: Yellow
Backpacks: Regulation College backpacks only accepted.

Who to contact?

As we commence a new year at the College to assist with ensuring parents know who to contact regarding issues of Pastoral Care please refer to the following:

In Primary it is always a good starting point to make contact with the class teacher.
In Secondary each Year group has a Year Patron who is the primary person responsible for the Pastoral Care of students in that year.

In my role as Director of Pastoral Care T-12 I am responsible for the oversight of Pastoral Care throughout the College so issues of a very significant nature will often be referred to this level through the T-4 and 5-8 Pastoral Co-ordinators.

Mr Liam Toland (Director of Pastoral Care T-12)
Welcome to the Primary School T-6 Families

Beginnings are important and there is always a lot to look forward to in a new year. Welcome, to not only those children entering Transition and Kindergarten, but to all of those students who are experiencing their first beginnings at Wollondilly Anglican College. It is wonderful to see how well everyone has settled in. We look forward to getting to know you and your family.

To help our new families and remind our existing families of who you can turn to should the need arise. Here are some introductions -

The Teaching and Learning Director is Ms Jacqui Huxtable who has overall responsibility for looking after the Teaching and Learning of our students from Transition to Year 6 inclusive of Sport, Support, G&T and extra curricula activities.

The Junior School Pastoral Care Coordinator T-4, Mrs Krystine Keen and the Middle School Pastoral Care Coordinator 5-8, Mrs Lisa Rockwell assist the teaching and learning undertaken at Wollondilly by looking after the areas of social, emotional or behavioural needs of our students alongside the classroom teachers.

The Assistant to the Teaching and Learning Director, Mr Michael Matthews will specifically focus on G&T and many extra curricula activities such as debating, public speaking and Science Fair.

The Support Teacher Mrs Lucy Gregory looks after students with specific learning disabilities or needs.

The Primary Sports Coordinator is Mr Stuart McIntosh.

Make it a point to get to know your child’s teacher and the College. Ask about current and upcoming activities, and plan to attend parent-teacher meetings. Research shows that when parents attend College events, their children are more likely to achieve academic success. Simply showing up for open classrooms, conferences, performances, and back-to-school nights sends a powerful message to your child.

If you can, volunteer to help in the classroom and get involved with the Parent-and Friends Association. If you can’t get away from work, ask about other ways you can become involved in the WAC community.

Please feel free to discuss any areas of concern with your classroom teacher. If you would like more information after firstly speaking with your child’s teacher please feel free to contact either Ms Huxtable, for all Teaching and Learning inquiries or Mrs Keen T-4 and Mrs Rockwell 5-8 for all Pastoral concerns. Contact can be made via the office or email the appropriate staff on the following emails;

j.huxtable@wac.nsw.edu.au
k.keen@wac.nsw.edu.au
l.rockwell@wac.nsw.edu.au

Primary School News

Erasers and white out tape:
Students at WAC are encouraged to accept that mistakes are part of learning. We therefore do not allow the use of erasers or whiteout tape, except if the teacher has allowed it in special circumstances. Neat crossing out is all that is needed. We would ask that parents allow this system to happen at home during homework. This will also help us know where the students have made mistakes...we do not expect homework to be perfect.

Parent Helpers:
We love having parent helpers. If you are interested please contact the class teacher or Mrs Gregory, who often needs assistance with reading groups, exam supervision etc. You may also contact me and I will pass your name on. All parent helpers must sign a confidentiality agreement as well as meeting child protection requirements. If you have not done these things please contact the office. A register of parent helpers who have done this will be set up and these parents will be used. Until you have done these things we cannot use your help.

Assemblies:
K-6 assemblies will occur throughout the year. Mr Matthews will be organising these and will have a roster out soon. These will be on specific Friday afternoons and we love having parents come along to share what our students have been doing.

When attending assemblies we ask that parents fill the back two rows of seating to allow Stage 3 to fit into the seats. We would also ask that parents set an example and not talk throughout the assembly and stand with us if needed.
Homework Club—Stage 3

Homework Club is a great opportunity for students to do their homework with teachers there to assist. Last year the program was a great success, we will continue this program with a few adjustments this year.

- This year Stage 3 Homework Club will run on Wednesdays from 2.35 pm to 4.15 pm.
- Parents need to email me to reserve a place: j.huxtable@wac.nsw.edu.au
- Students may leave earlier than 4.15 pm.
- Students must be picked up or be booked into WOOSH at 4.15 pm, as the teachers will not available to supervise after this time.
- There is a late bus that leaves the College at 4.15 pm. Information about this bus can be given by the College office or the bus company.
- Students need to remember to bring work to do each week.
- Students need to bring afternoon tea to eat before Homework Club starts.
- Stage 3 Band members may come to Homework Club after band finishes.
- Students or parents need to notify one of the Homework Club teachers if they are not attending, as we will be looking for them.
- Notices regarding any changes to Homework Club will be made through the Waratah Weekly.

Homework Club will start Wednesday, 12 February. Please register your child by Monday, 10 February.

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

Junior SRC

It is that time of the term when students from Years 3 and 4 can nominate themselves to be a member of the Junior Student Representative Council. The students are elected by their fellow class mates to be a part of the SRC for one term.

Once a student has served a term on the SRC they step down and allow another representative from their class to have the opportunity to be a member of the SRC. A form for those students interested in being on the SRC was sent home on Friday, 30 January to be returned by Tuesday, 4 February. Voting will take place by the end of this week.

I look forward to introducing our Junior SRC members to you in the Waratah Weekly over the coming weeks.

Years 3 and 4 Dedicated Play Area

In true Wollondilly style when we do something we do it well the first time to ensure the area will last for the life time of all students fortunate enough to play there. Surveying and architectural design has already taken place and plans for the area are very exciting.

Mrs Krystine Keen
Junior School Pastoral Care Coordinator
**DANCE NEWS 2014!**

The year has kicked off to an exciting start for dance students. Preliminary and HSC dance students will be travelling to the Seymour Centre, Thursday, 13 February, to attend a Senior Dance Studies Workshop and the annual production "Callback", showcasing the best dance submissions from 2013 HSC students. This is a fantastic opportunity to prepare students for the year ahead in dance.

Parents, please ensure permission notes for the excursion are returned no later than the morning of Thursday, 13 February.

In other news, I'm excited to announce that the Wollondilly Anglican College Dance Company (WAC DC) launches this week and applications are open to all enthusiastic dancers from Years 9 -12. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday afternoons from 2.45 pm - 4.15 pm. No audition required - just a passion for dance! For more information please see Mrs Hedges.

Happy dancing in 2014!

**Mrs Samara Hedges**  
Secondary Teacher (Dance)

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**FOCUS ON ABILITY 2014 SHORT FILM COMPETITION**

This competition is open to school students with over $70,000 in prizes up for grabs! The theme of the competition asks film makers to "Focus on the Ability" of people with a disability. Speak to Mrs Sutherland for more details and visit www.focusonability.com.au for inspiration.

**Mrs Sutherland**  
Secondary Teacher

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**YEAR 7 CAMP**

Year 7 Camp is again fast approaching and we have much excitement amongst the troupes. Thank you to all parents and students for returning information and dietary notes. Please feel free to contact either myself or Mrs Madden regarding any issues of concern in regard to camp. Further instruction will be provided at the Year 5 -7 information night so I hope to see you all there. Camp is always a great opportunity to meet friends and have a lot of fun in a magnificent setting.

**Mrs Lisa Rockwell**  
Pastoral Care (Years 5-8)
ASK (WAC’s SECONDARY HOMEWORK CLUB)

Do you want to set new learning goals for 2014?
Do you need some extra help with homework or revision?
We would love to offer you some support through our Homework Club here at WAC.
Who: Any students from Yrs 7-12
When: Wednesday afternoons 3.00 pm - 4.30 pm (commencing Week 3-12/2/14)
Where: Flynn IRC
What to bring: Homework, tasks, puzzling questions, necessary equipment and a positive attitude!
It is essential that you have a work plan for the time you attend Homework Club
Contact: Mr Gregory, Mrs Madden or Mr Shellshear (Office phone 4684 2577)
Important…. Remember to bring some afternoon tea as hunger does NOT promote positive learning.

“Any fool can know. The point is to understand.”
— Albert Einstein

Mrs Emily Madden
Secondary Teacher

MATHS MATTERS

Maths Club will be starting on Wednesday, 12 February lunchtime in F3. Please encourage your child to attend, particularly if they need to develop their problem solving skills. Tutoring is also provided at this time.

In Years 7-10 the Hope and Faith classes and Maths 2 and 3 classes are mixed ability groups which have not been streamed. This is a change in the way classes have been run in the past. Year 7 and new students will be sitting PAT tests at the end of February. These tests give us an understanding of where each student’s numeracy levels are at. They do not impact their overall results in any way.

VIETNAM MISSION TRIP

On Wednesday, students participating in the Vietnam Missions trip met with Mr Hicks in F3. They were given a letter with information on meeting times and costs for the trip to Vietnam. If your child missed out on the letter please ask them to see me in my office in Flynn. If they have any question encourage them to come and see me.

ARNHEM LAND

On Monday's assembly the College and Dr Quarmby were presented with a memorial book of the 2013 trip. Feel free to drop into the Flynn Library to look at a photographic journal of the mission.

Mr Tim Hicks
Maths Coordinator

LIFELONG LEARNING 2014

There will be no TAFE accredited courses running through our Lifelong Learning Centre this semester due to funding changes with TAFE. If this situation changes there will be notification through the newsletter. There may be some College run short courses offered throughout the year. I will keep you posted.

Mrs Rhonda Hay
Lifelong Learning Coordinator
Musical Rehearsals have begun! This Monday the students enjoyed watching the film and were issued with an 'ensemble song book' so they can begin learning the whole-cast songs. Secondary also completed some acting and team-building exercises before learning some early choreography for 'Be Our Guest'.

Next week (Week 3, Monday, 10 February) Primary will begin learning their songs and secondary will look at Act 1 Scene 1 and Act 1 Scene 2 (including the song "Belle" up until #2b "Maurice's Entrance"). They will then continue learning choreography or 'Be Our Guest'.

Rehearsal will take place on every Monday afternoon of the College term until the show is finished.

*Here are a few reminders for parents...*

In Term 1, Primary cast members will rehearse from 2.45 pm to 4.15 pm. Rehearsals will be in Elizabeth and parents should collect their children from the front of the Elizabeth building at 4.15 pm (there is also a bus service departing the College at this time, please let Miss Humble know if your child is catching the bus).

In Term 1, Secondary cast members will rehearse from 2.45 pm to 5.45 pm in the auditorium. Parents should collect their children from the auditorium at 5.45 pm.

In Term 2 students (both Primary and Secondary) will be required to attend rehearsals until 5.45 pm.

Please ensure that your child is collected promptly at the end of rehearsals.

Students will also need a bottle of water, comfortable and modest rehearsal clothes (preferably black), healthy snacks and their song books for every rehearsal.

The only reason for students to miss rehearsals is due to illness. If your child is ill, please contact Mrs Talbot, Mr Denley or Miss Humble during the day so that we can plan for this (email contact is preferred). Likewise, students need to attend every rehearsal for the full duration of rehearsals. Otherwise your child's position as part of the cast may be compromised.

All cast members will be charged a fee of $50.00 which will be added to your College fees invoice. As with years past, Mr Grant will be putting the music files onto a MOODLE account for students to access at home to rehearse with. We will provide information on how to access this account once the music files become available.

**Important Dates:**

Rehearsal Week 07/07/14 - 11/07/14 (2nd week of holidays)
Dress Rehearsal 25/07/14 (Week 1, Term 3)
Show Dates 28/07/14, 29/07/14, 31/07/14, 01/08/14, 02/07/14 (Week 2, Term 3)

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Talbot, Mr Denley or Miss Humble via email.

Mrs Talbot: s.talbot@wac.nsw.edu.au
Mr Denley: s.denley@wac.nsw.edu.au
Miss Humble: m.humble@wac.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Secondary Teacher
FIRST DAY AT THE COLLEGE—THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2013
SECOND DAY AT THE COLLEGE—FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2013
NEW COLLEGE ENSEMBLE

We are delighted to announce that a new College Choir for students from Year 7 to 12 will be starting at the College. Rehearsals are on Friday from 2.45 pm to 4.15 pm in the Melba Music rooms.

The choir is being run by Ms Jillian Bridge, our amazing String Ensemble director, and will perform at many prestigious College events. We would like to invite your child to be part of this new initiative at the College.

If you would like further information about the rehearsals or the Choir please call Mr Denley at the College on 4684 2577.

I hope to see your son or daughter at rehearsals on Fridays during term time.

Ensemble rehearsal days for 2014:

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All after College ensembles start at 2.45 pm and finish at 4.15 pm, with exception of the musical which finishes at 5.45 pm.

The College ensembles are open to any student at the College. Please see Mr Denley or Mr Grant if you would like more information on any of the groups listed above.

Remember to get involved with the wonderful opportunities available at the College, Music is a lifelong journey into learning.

Mr Simon Denley
Creative Arts and LOTE Co-ordinator

PRIMARY MUSIC

2014 promises to be an exciting and productive year for Music in the Primary School. With the String (Year 3 and 4) and Band (Year 5 and 6) programs in place, the Primary continues to inspire new musicians and continues to locate new talent that parents had not yet discovered. Last year was such a blessing to witness many students who had not yet experienced Music in a school-setting, sing, perform, compose, improvise and demonstrate such an extensive musical knowledge at such a young age.

I am extremely blessed to have Ms Jillian Bridge again this year, assisting with the String Program (Years 3 and 4). This program is no easy feat, ensuring each student in Years 3 and 4 is equipped with a Violin or Cello and week by week, sharing her love for string instruments in each student as they learn to hold their instrument, play their instrument and eventually perform on their instrument. The progress made last year with the students was phenomenal and I look forward to working with Ms Bridge to see more of this progress this year.

The students in Year 3 and Year 5 will receive an instrument over the coming week and this will be issued through the College’s borrowing system. Each student is responsible for their instrument and to ensure that throughout the year, it is in full-working order as it was when it was issued. It is also important that 10 minutes of practice on their instrument a day is achieved.

I look forward to seeing the progress of every student this year, Kindergarten through to Year 6 and I am very excited at the prospect of developing and blossoming new musicians and musical talent in 2014.

Mr Lloyd Grant
Music Teacher
STAY IN TOUCH WITH WHAT’S GOING ON AT THE COLLEGE!

In 2014, the College will begin to use the Skoolbag app (available for Android and iPhone). Skoolbag will enable the College to send notifications to parents’ phones immediately via the smart phone app. All sorts of other information will start appearing in Skoolbag, from Newsletters to calendar events and College documents.

Just open up the Play Store app on Android, or the App Store on your iPhone and search for Wollondilly, install the free app, and you're ready to go! You will then be able to keep up to date with College happenings from anywhere.

**iPhone Users (How to Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone)**
Simply search for college name in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.
After the app is installed on your phone, make sure that you select ‘OK’ to allow push notifications. Also click on ‘more’ then ‘Setup’ and select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.

**Android Users**
Simply search for your college name in Google Play Store on your phone, PC or MAC and install.
After the app is installed click on ‘more’ then ‘Setup’ and select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.

Mr Peter O’Connell
IT Manager
**PRIMARY SPORT**

Welcome to 2014. I hope that everyone had a good break.

Our annual swimming carnival will be held on Thursday, 20 February. A note has been handed out today with more information. Please return this note as soon as possible.

Yesterday we had our trials for this term's IPSSO sport. The teams have not been announced as yet but will be shortly. The names will be put up on the sports notice board.

During the holidays we had two of our girls achieve great sporting success. Congratulations to Tara Boyd who has been selected to represent Australia in Karate at the 2014 USA Open and Junior International Cup in April after gaining a number of first and second placings in the Nationals in 2013.

Congratulations to Georja Freeman on her successes in Dancing. During the holidays she was selected to represent Australia at the World Titles in London in August 2014 after gaining a number of first and second placings at the National Championships in Tamworth. She received 16 medals in total throughout the tournament!

Making it through to the world tournaments is a huge achievement.

Congratulations to both girls and we wish you well as you prepare for later in the year.

Mr Stuart McIntosh  
Primary Coordinator

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**SECONDARY SPORT**

What a fantastic start to Tuesday sport. Most students found their respective groups with ease. Students were able to try out for six different MISA teams and those teams will be up on the sports notice board shortly. Thank you to all those students who tried out and congratulations to those who made it.

I will put an article in next week regarding student expectations regarding our commitments to NASSA. Notes have also been handed out for the upcoming secondary swimming carnival, please could they be returned by the due date.

In MISA, we play Macarthur next week.

OZtag (Boys & Girls) – Either Victoria Park, Minto or at MAS  
Basketball (Boys & Girls) – Minto basketball stadium  
Volleyball – MAS

**Upcoming dates:**  
WAC swimming carnival Friday, 21 February, Picton Leisure Centre  
NASSA secondary touch Wednesday, 19 February, Dalton Park Wollongong  
NASSA secondary swimming carnival Wednesday, 5 March, SOPAC Homebush

Well Done to Connor Dymond, Steven Harriman, Beni and Marie Meier-Kapavale who all won medals in events during the Athletics Country Championships at Beaton Park, Wollongong. We are all very proud of their amazing efforts!

Mr Richard Madden  
Secondary Sports Coordinator
**Welcome Back!**

Canteen Roster Term 1:

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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 until 11.00 am) or (11.00 am until 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.

In particular in need helpers for Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please consider volunteering even if just for one day a term. If you are already a volunteer why not encourage your friends at the College to join you for a day or two!

Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy!

Mrs Carolyn Richards  
Canteen Coordinator

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**Schoolwear Offer**

$50 OFF Normal Price

**SCHOOL BLAZERS**

**Note:** Offer Valid for 4 Weeks!  
12th January to 12th February

Lowes  
Exclusive stockists of premium quality Beare & Ley Schoolwear

A $50 non-refundable deposit is required with order if size not available at time of purchase.

**PS:** Extra 5% Discount for Ezy-Way Customers
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.

**Yerrinbool Bargo Soccer Club 2014 Registration:** Registration day is Sunday, 9 February at the Bargo Sports Club between 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. For more information please contact the Registrar Paul Beech (email: registrar@ybsc.com.au or 0404 048 783).

**Picton Rangers’ Football Club:** Registration Day Saturday 8, February between 10.00 am to 2.00 pm at Hume Oval, Downing Street Picton. Any enquiries please email: prscpresident@hotmail.com

Wollondilly Council invites all young learner drives to a “FREE’ Learner Driver Log Book Run event. This event is being held on Sunday, 16 February starting at 9.30 am at the Council. To make a booking please contact the Council’s Road Safety Officer on 4677 1188.

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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.**

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**Clean Up Australia Day 2014 – Sunday 2 March**

Great news - we will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day once again this year! We will be cleaning up a local site in the Wollondilly Shire. In the past we have worked for a couple of hours from mid-morning and we have achieved so much. The CUAD website reports that “In 2013 an estimated 550,300 volunteers removed 16,150 tonnes of rubbish at 7,341 sites right across the country”.

I invite you to be a part of this year’s crew. You may participate as a family or as a student. More details will be provided in future editions of the Waratah Weekly. Stay tuned.

**Mr Jay Hart**
Secondary Teacher
**HELMASTERLY HAPPENINGS**

February

**Monday 3**
Student Interviews (Secondary 2015)
Wests Tigers visit to WAC

**Tuesday 4**
Student Interviews (Secondary 2015)

**Wednesday 5**
Student Interviews (Secondary 2015)

**Thursday 6**
Student Interviews (Secondary 2015)

**Friday 7**
Student Interviews (Secondary 2015)

**Monday 10**
Student Interviews (Secondary 2015)

**Tuesday 11**
Student Interviews (Secondary 2015)

**Wednesday 12**
Meeting with Rev Kevin Flanagan
Meeting with Chairman
Visit with Year 7 Camp

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**Clothing Pool**

The Clothing Pool is a P&F run service for parents at the College. Families generously donate their second hand College uniforms to the Clothing Pool for sale to other families.

If your children have outgrown their uniform, please consider donating it to the Clothing Pool. Donations can be left at the Office.

In 2014 the operating hours for the Clothing Pool are Tuesdays 8.00am - 9.00am, Wednesdays 3.00pm - 4.00pm and Friday 8.00am - 9.00am.

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

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
*John 1:1*

Here we are at another beginning, entrusting our precious darlings into the hands of a whole lot of students for another year. In the middle of the enthusiasm, the excitement, the anticipation and the mild panic, we remember the one who gave us the greatest beginning of all - eternal hope. May this new year be filled with such hope. Rev. Rob Meischke 0437533106

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[Logo of Wollondilly Anglican Community Church]
Mrs Napier and Kindergarten Cuddlepie sharing their beautiful smiles with us on their very first day at the College!

Prayer Points

Thank God

- That we can live in Australia – perhaps the blessed country rather than just the lucky country
- For another successful year under His mighty hand at our College
- For the surge of enrolments to commence 2014
- For the fully funded (by the Federal Government) Trade Skills Centre that will be constructed in 2014
- For our families and the encouragement and support that we give each other

Ask God

- That we will be reminded to continue over the next 10 years to look forward, outward and heavenward.
- To help us remember to take time to thank Him for “all His benefits towards us”
- To ease the nerves of the 120 new students and seven staff beginning here at the College in 2014

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