Australian social commentator, Hugh Mackay describes the generation of the great depression as the lucky generation. These are your great grandparents. It seems quite strange to describe people who were unsure where their next meal was coming from as lucky. But he makes the point that there was a real sense of community in those days where people worked together to build the country and helped out their neighbours. They felt blessed to be part of a great community. At Wollondilly, we try to recapture this idea and redeploy it in 2014. Our Working Bees, the Country Fair, the College Golf Day and our participation in the ANZAC march are all examples of consciously developing community. Student leaders emerge as they selflessly serve.

We do this in a world that is losing that sense of community. There is a perception these days that despite a capacity to communicate with anyone, anywhere, anytime, people are more isolated and lonely than they have ever been. Did it begin with the telephone? People could talk to friends and family instead of neighbours. Did it begin with the car? People could drive past their neighbours’ houses and visit friends and family – then drive back home, all on the same day. People stopped leaving their houses open in the country for neighbours to drop in and grab something to eat as it became possible for strangers to drop in instead. Did it begin with television? Families could stay inside and watch the TV instead of visiting – it was even possible for family members to watch different shows in different rooms. Did it begin with DVDs and Video games? Kids stopped playing outside and visiting friends’ homes. At the flick of a switch, footy games could be played on a screen instead of outdoors. Did it continue with mobile phones? Have you ever been in a crowd of people all talking to somebody else in a remote location, oblivious to the presence of the person next to them?

One answer is to turn communication off. Some groups like the Amish people advocate the setting aside of all modern technology in favour of a simple life. Another, less drastic answer, is conscious awareness. At Wollondilly, we will continue to benefit from the educational advantages of modern technology. There are now around 400 computers in the College. We will also continue to emphasise the benefits of sensible use of technology and the extension to others of common courtesy. Use the mobile in moderation – spend more time talking to those in your own house. Limit the TV and video games – watch shows together – compromise. Never leave a mobile phone on at a meeting. If it goes off, switch it off without answering. The person who has taken the time to be there in person – the one you are talking to or listening to should always take precedence.

Those who achieve great things at the College are rarely slaves to distraction. Sports people set aside their mobile phones to practice and compete. Those receiving academic awards have controlled their use of the X-Box rather than letting the X-Box control them. Those who have contributed in music or other expertise in the creative and performing arts, have rehearsed and practised at the expense of social network chat-time. That’s not to say that these things are bad – they are just controlled. In time, those who focus on those things that lead to tangible benefit will also reap the rewards for their effort: knowledge, fitness, achievement, teamwork and the list goes on.

Computers and mobiles are here to serve – not to be served.
FIRST ROUND SCHOLARSHIPS

First Round Scholarship applications for 2015 have closed.
The timing of closure is dictated to us by the organisation that sets the examinations and is de-
termined for them by the timing of the tests and the processing of the papers. We are pleased
with the number, and standard, of applications.
There may be other, more limited opportunity(s) for academic, dance, music scholarships later in the
year – depending to some extent, on the number taken up in the main round of offers.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Interviews have commenced for students applying for entry into secondary years in 2015. It is im-
portant 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) 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

Mrs Christine Mozejko
College Development Manager

PARENT PORTAL

In order to improve communication with Parents, the College is requesting that all parents ensure
they have access to the Parent Portal and their current email and mobile phone details recorded.
During the year, the College will increasingly be utilising the Parent Portal, internet and SMS to com-
municate with Parents.
Parents who’s details are not up to date or choose not to access these services will almost certain-
ly miss important information from the College. If you would like assistance accessing the Parent Por-
tal or setting up an email account, please send an email to portal@wac.nsw.edu.au

Mr Jonathan Shaw
College Administrator

******************************   *************************  *************************

THIRLMERE FESTIVAL OF STEAM — SUNDAY, 2 MARCH

Wollondilly Anglican College 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 vehi-
cle)! Students are to meet Mr Toland at 12.00 pm to walk in the parade at 1.00 pm.
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!
Years 11 & 12 Information Night
Tuesday, 25 February in the Warne Auditorium at 7.00 pm.
A representative from the NSW Board of Studies and Teacher and Education Standards will be present at the evening to provide information on the following areas:
- The HSC marking and assessment process
- The calculation of HSC marks and scaling.

There will also be some information on:
- Tips to successful achievement in the HSC.
- Coping the demands of the Year 11 & 12 courses and the expectations regarding Assessment.

We anticipate that students and at least one of their parents attend. Students are expected to wear their College uniform.

Assessment Handbooks – Years 7-12.
Years 12, 11 and 7 have received their Assessment Handbook, which outlines the College Assessment Policy and provides information to parents and students with regard to the processes involved with assessment expectations and practice.

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 8, 9 and 10 by the end of this week.

Parent Portal – Access to Student and College Information
The Parent Portal allows parents to login to the school administration system Edumate, and retrieve information regarding their child’s progress, their reports, attendance, calendar information as well allow parents to update their contact details and their child’s medical details.

It is essential that your children do not have access to your log-in and password data. This level of access is for parents only. We are endeavouring to provide secondary students with their own password so that they can access their progress.

For information on how to access and use the Parent Portal, you can use the link below to the College website.

Click on the ‘Staff & Students' button on the website. Locate the PDF file with the instructions.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH’S AWARD — EXPEDITION PLANNING 2014

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Term</th>
<th>Dates</th>
<th>Activity</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Sat 8 March</td>
<td>Bronze Training Day</td>
<td>WAC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Sat 22-23 March</td>
<td>Bronze Practice Expedition</td>
<td>Royal National Park – Coastal Walk</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Thu 12 June – Sun 15 June</td>
<td>Silver/Gold Expedition</td>
<td>Wild Dog Mountains</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Fri 22 Aug – Mon 24 August</td>
<td>Bronze/ Silver Expedition</td>
<td>Great Northern Walk</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>20 Sept – 23 Sept</td>
<td>Silver /Gold Expedition</td>
<td>Hume and Hovell Track</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster
Secondary Pastoral Team
As stated in previous articles each Year Group in Secondary has a Year Patron who is the primary initial contact person responsible for the well-being of students in that Year Group.

Year 7 - Mrs Emily Madden
Year 8 - Mr Michael Cassidy
Year 9 - Mr Mark Goldsborough
Year 10 - Mrs Cate Rigg
Year 11 - Mrs Sarah Talbot
Year 12 - Mr Craig Russell

Both individually and as a team the Pastoral Care Team work very hard to ensure that students feel both safe and cared for at the College.

Captains’ Lunch
On Friday, 7 February the College Captains right through to the Primary Captains met for lunch with Dr Quarmby and Mr Toland, Mr Croger, Mrs Keen and Mrs Rockwell to commence planning for the year ahead. It was a great opportunity to discuss their roles and reflect on the opportunities to serve the Community and the College.

Thank you to Mrs Hay for the organisation and catering for this event.

Peer Support
An exciting new program was launched on Monday with our Year 10 Peer Support Leaders delivering the first of eight sessions to our new Year 7, 2014 students. The focus of the program is Behaving with Integrity. It is an opportunity to discuss and participate in activities that develop student values and moral character. The program is a further expansion of our transition into secondary schooling as well as a significant leadership opportunity for our Year 10 students.

Mr Liam Toland
Director of Pastoral Care T-12
Primary Homework Club

This week we started Homework Club. It was great to see so many keen students start. Band will end at 3.30 pm as of next week so band students can attend Homework Club for 45 minutes after band. We have enough teachers to be able to open Homework Club up to Year 4. Parents will need to email me j.huxtable@wac.nsw.edu.au if they would like their child to attend.

Parents can pick up their children earlier than 4.15 pm if they need to. Please don’t forget to bring afternoon tea.

General Information about Primary

We have had two information nights where general information was given out to parents about homework and how the primary school functions. If you missed these nights please let the class teacher know and we will get the information sent home to you.

Focus Areas for 2014

Last year we were fortunate to have been invited to participate in a National Partnership for Literacy and Numeracy. We decided a focus on the teaching of specific comprehension strategies was something that would help our students. As a result we have developed an approach we are calling SPRINT into reading. This is being used by all teachers across the College.

The focus has been to incorporate the teaching of comprehension strategies into all Key Learning Areas (KLA's). As all learning areas use text and have comprehension requirements, teachers have been helping students develop the necessary skills to deal with text across all these areas. This approach has already seen considerable growth, we expect to see even more as students naturally use the strategies every time they read.

SPRINT

Skim and Scan.
Predict and Connect
Read and Respond
Inquire.
Knowledge Expand (The 'N' is phonetic!)
Teach and Share.

Vocabulary is also an important aspect of comprehending. Research shows that it becomes the biggest inhibitor for older students understanding what they read. We have been focusing on developing wider and more in-depth vocabulary with the students.

How can you help your child?

Reading is more than being able to say the words fluently. Students must be able to comprehend. We often have parents question levels for home readers. These are based on the comprehension level of the children.

Decoding and fluency assist with comprehension, however you can be fluent and not comprehend a word of what you have read. Some students who are very quick to learn how to decode and appear to be great readers in younger years prove to be students who struggle later on because they have not learnt to think about what they are reading. Sometimes the students who are slower to decode have spent more time really thinking about what they have read and if it makes sense, they have developed good thinking patterns when they read. We want both fluency and comprehension.

How do you know if your child is comprehending? How can you help them?

Both have the same answers:
- Show an interest in reading, even better would be to model that reading is important to you.
- Listen to them read.
- Ask them questions about what they have read.
- Make sure they know it isn't a race and that understanding is more important than speed.
- Help them learn new words, talk about words they read.

Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Director Of Teaching and Learning
T-4 INFORMATION EVENING WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY

It was fantastic to see so many parents on Wednesday evening. The teachers were able to discuss with the parents the expectations for students within the classroom environment. Our Collegial spirit was in fine form as the College community mixed and socialised establishing the basis for workable relationships.

Dr Quarmby welcomed our parents to the beginning of a year that promises to be filled with new experiences, in learning and in a safe environment.

Ms Huxtable, spoke of her role within the College and welcomed open communication between parents and herself with regards to students’ learning. Mr Croger reminded us of the “lead by example approach” for our students and emphasised ‘pride in belonging’.

Mr Toland asked that we are mindful when packing school lunches that we are a “nut aware” College. To assist us with the safety of our students, for parents to set an example of using the crossing and parking areas of the College correctly.

Mrs Keen spoke of her role in overseeing the social, emotional and behavioural needs of all students in T-4 which will encourage them to continue to reach new personal bests. We want to work in partnership with parents, children, teachers and the Senior staff at the College to ensure our students best interests are a priority.

Throughout the evening there was a common theme which was “communication”. Please take the time to speak with and create a relationship with your Child’s teacher. Discuss with them any areas of concern that you have. Your child will be the beneficiary.

Wollondilly Anglican College has been blessed with an outstanding calibre of Staff who are dedicated to making your child’s learning experience the best it can be.

We look forward to a year of working in partnership with you and your child.

JUNIOR SRC

It is with great pleasure I can announce to you that the Junior Student Representatives for Stage 2, Term 1 are;

**Year 4 Faith:** Heath Kerr and Amy Luxford
**Year 4 Hope:** Alexander Jefferys and Faye Sandys-Doherty
**Year 3 Hope:** Joshua Summerson and Jessica Fraser
**Year 3 Faith:** Lucas Hollingworth and Amelia Gurner

The members will attend their first meeting on Monday of next week and by all accounts everyone is feeling very positive. The students will discuss the direction the SRC is taking for the year.

Congratulations to all of you.

Mrs Krystine Keen
Junior Pastoral Care Coordinator

PRIMARY MATHS CLUB

It was very exciting to see 26 students who came to Primary Math’s Club last Monday. Each week we attempt and practise different and exciting websites that have mathematical questions. I will pick up Year 3 and 4 students from their playground at second half lunch.

Mr Darren Wayne
Primary Teacher
A big welcome to Transition Tembo and Toto families!

We have had a lovely start to the year and have been very busy getting to know each other. The children have settled in beautifully and are now being encouraged to develop skills of independence and organisation. These are skills to un-zip and re-zip bags unassisted, to learn to pack their bags using problem solving skills in seeing how items can best fit together. They are also becoming responsible for putting their hats and lunch boxes in the appropriate places throughout the day. Despite the busyness of getting ready each morning and on returning home each day – I would encourage you to give your child the opportunity to pack and unpack their own bag each day (with supervision) as to assist with these skills of organisation. Zipping a bag up can be a difficult fine motor skill for some children to master and practice is the key. Please also check that your child can open, un-assisted, the containers and food packaging that you send in their lunch boxes. Some can be very difficult for little hands to open.

An exciting change this week for the students has been joining the WAC primary community for the sails dismissal in the afternoons. Families will need to wait for the Transition class to be dismissed by the teacher on the microphone. The students will be encouraged to look for you and to walk towards you.

It was delightful to meet those who were able to attend the Parent Information Evening in Week 2. This evening is also a first step on our journey together and opens the door to our continued communication. Communication is one of the most important areas when creating positive relationships, although with constraints of time it can be difficult to enjoy daily face-to-face catch ups, which sometimes need more time and confidentiality than the welcome and farewell time allows. I would like to encourage each family to keep the lines of communication open so that we can work together to support your children’s development. I am contactable anytime via email:t.simmons@wac.nsw.edu.au or for urgent matters through the College Office staff so that we can make a mutually convenient time to meet together. Also with all things going well I will endeavor to provide you with regular updates in the Waratah Weekly.

We hope you enjoy some photos from our first few weeks at ‘big school’.

"Tell me and I forget. Show me and I remember. Involve me and I understand." - Chinese proverb

Mrs Tania Simmons
Transition Teacher
With the excitement of the new year, also comes the excitement for the up and coming WAC musical "Beauty and the Beast". For students who would like to be involved in the musical there is the opportunity to be involved in the Visual Design Team.

The Visual Design Program allows students from Year 7 to Year 11 to develop their skills and be involved in all aspects of "creating the scene", from stage construction, to backdrop creation, to the use of props and graphic design. Students research, design, and construct the visual aids required to stage the annual school musical. It's really the ideal program for secondary students who love the theatre, prefer to be part of the "support team" of stage productions, and have an eye on applying theatre and graphic design.

The Visual Design group meets every Monday from 2.35 pm – 4.30 pm in Semester 1. Students are to be collected from the Melba 3 art room at 4.30 pm and parents can park between the Flynn building and Melba building car park.

If you are interested in making props, painting large scale illustrations or graphic design you are welcome to attend the 'Beauty and the Beast Visual Design Team'.

Mrs Belinda Taylor
Secondary Teacher

This competition is open to College 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
Musical Rehearsal
Next week (Week 4, Monday, 17 February) Primary will continue learning their songs and choreography. Secondary will continue to look at Act 1 Scene 1 and Act 1 Scene 2. They will then continue learning choreography or 'Be Our Guest'. Rehearsal will take place on every Monday afternoon of school 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.

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.

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
Director of the Musical

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
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

2013 YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARDS

Late last year we had a number of students from Years 8, 10 and 11 enter their original science research into the 2013 Young Scientist Competition, with very good results. The following students are to be congratulated. Commendation: Alex McInnes (11), Andrew Russell (11), Bethany Wadling (11), Caitlin Airs (12), Jasmin Law (11), Laura Fleming (11); High Achievement: Alec Jensen (11), Colette Anderson (11), Deanna Conlan (11), Elise Akmens (12), Erin Rainford (11), Jason Davies (9), Jennifer Vong (11), Samantha Curtis (11), Samantha Vibert(11); Excellence: Andrew Hvejsel (12), Graeme Norton (12).

Dr Andrew Eaton
Science Coordinator

EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY

We have a number of students in Germany who attend our link school Firstwald Gymnasium, who would really like to visit Australia this year from the end of Term 2 through most of Term 3. Consequently, I am seeking some College families who would be prepared to host a German student and possibly even go to Germany on exchange over the December/January break.

The host family needs to provide the exchange student with a home. You are not expected to pay the German student's fees or provide their uniform. Those financial responsibilities would be met by the German student's family. If your child wishes to do an exchange, then you would be liable for their airfare to Germany and their spending money. Exchanges provide young people with amazing experiences.

Last year the College visited our link school in Germany. The families there were incredibly friendly and generous to our students. In fact we had considerably more offers of home-stay accommodation than we actually needed! Please consider this opportunity. If you are interested please contact Mrs Clark or Mr Shaw in the College office for more details.

Mrs Carolyn Clark
Language Teacher
Premier’s Reading Challenge:
The challenge for 2014 will begin in March this year. Participating students from Years 3-9 will need to get their logon details from Mrs Saint-John. Students in K-2 will read their books during library time and their records will be completed also.

2013 PRC Certificates - these will be handed out to the students during assemblies over the next couple of weeks. Students who achieved a gold or platinum certificate will receive them at the next formal assembly.

Scholastic BookClub:
The first issue of the bookclub is out this week. All orders are to be back to the front office by Thursday, 20 February. Please ensure the name of the student and their class is clearly marked on each order form.

Fathers and Literacy Day:
Save the Date – Tuesday, 11 March from 8.15 am until 10.00(ish) for fathers of students in Transition to Year 4. Details to follow next week.

Book Fair/ Book Club monies:
Thank you to everybody who bought books from the bookclub or the bookfairs.

Money raised from the two Book Fairs and the bookclub goes directly into buying more resources for the students across the College. Last year’s money went to purchase a new set of digital cameras which students use from K-12 and lots of new play equipment, much of which will be used in the Year 3 to 4 playground area (photos in next week’s Waratah Weekly).

Mrs Louise Saint-John
Information Resources Coordinator
**SECONDARY SPORT**

With our inclusion into the NASSA sports organisation, it is imperative that if your child is selected to represent WAC at NASSA or NASSA at AICES then they make themselves available for those events, and dress accordingly.

This week we played Macarthur Anglican College in the MISA Competition, the boys Oztag won 13-0 and the girls lost 5-0. Both Basketball teams lost. The girls’ Volleyball team had an outstanding win (3-0) the boys had a close game but eventually lost 3-0.

Next week we play John Therry:
- Touch (Boys & Girls) – Victoria Park, Minto
- Basketball (Boys & Girls) – Minto Basketball Stadium
- Volleyball – WAC

**Friday, 21 February is the Secondary Swimming Carnival (Picton Leisure Centre).**

*Important information follows:*

Competitors in the 200 m freestyle and 200 m individual medleys must be at the pool by 8.00 am sharp. Competitors wishing to warm up for these events may swim from 7.45 am onwards.

College provided buses will leave the College at 8.10 am for transport to Picton Leisure Centre. Buses will also return students to the College in time for afternoon buses. The Carnival will officially open at 8.30 am.

Students must wear their coloured House polo shirts, College cap, black College shorts, white socks (calf length) and predominantly white sneakers (no thongs). Bikinis are not permitted.

The Swimming Carnival is an important part of the College calendar and, as such, students are expected to attend and participate.

Parents are very welcome on the day, if for no other reason than to cheer and support the Competitors. If so inclined, we would welcome assistance with setup, pack up, timing and judging.

A notice will be posted on the front page of the WAC website (www.wac.nsw.edu.au) should wet weather necessitate the cancellation of the event.

Please make sure your child has returned their Carnival note. It provides important information to the College about transport and swimming ability.

**Upcoming dates:**
- NASSA Secondary Touch Wednesday, 19 February, Dalton Park Wollongong
- WAC Swimming Carnival Friday, 21 February, Picton Leisure Centre
- NASSA Secondary Swimming Carnival Wednesday, 5 March, SOPAC Homebush

**Mr Richard Madden**
Secondary Sports Coordinator

---

**PRIMARY SPORT**

The IPSSO teams were announced earlier this week. It has not been an easy decision for any of the staff as we have noticed many of the children improved in their skills and confidence since last year.

Yesterday, the primary classes participated in an AFL Clinic. T-2 classes will participate in the clinic on Friday afternoon. An after hours AFL program will be offered on Fridays, starting at 2.45 pm from Friday, 28 February. If you are interested in attending this, please see the details on the flyer.

The College will only be providing supervision for any children interested in attending this after hours program between the bell and 2.45 pm. This program is being run by AFL themselves.

Next Wednesday we will be having trials for any boys from Years 3 to 6 wishing to represent the College in Rugby League. The Hindmarsh and Noble Cups will be held in the last week of this term. Please be aware that this event is also in the same week as the College's Cross Country. If your son is successful, head gear and mouth guards will be required for the Gala day.

We will also be having, next Wednesday, try outs for any senior girls wishing to represent the College at the NASSA Soccer Gala day in mid March. The boys’ try outs will occur during a lunch time and coaches will let the boys know the day.

Our Swimming Carnival is next Thursday. All notes should now be in. If any parents/helpers are able to assist with the timekeeping, please let me know. Thank you to those who have responded already. I will be sending out a note early next week with the times.

**Mr Stuart McIntosh**
Primary Coordinator
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.

FREE Self Defence workshops: No need to book in, simply come along and have a go! Saturday, 15 and Saturday, 22 February (10.00 am to 11.30 am and 12.30 to 2.00 pm) at the Tahmoor Town Centre.

Wollondilly Council invites all young learner drivers 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.

Breakfast in the Bush: Sunday, 23 February at Wirrimbirra Sanctuary Bargo, breakfast is just $10.00 per person, this will be available from 9.00 am - 11.00 am. Visitors are able to wander the bush tracks, check out the native animals and plants.

Wollondilly Southern Highlands Physical Culture Club: Classes have now resumed for 2014! For details regarding class times please ring Diane 0408 810 016 and Melissa 0408 965 160.

The Oaks Netball Association: Registration is now open for new and existing players (Ages 6 to Ladies). For more information please go to our website www.theoaksnc.nsw.netball.com.au or contact Ginnelle 0481 266 212 or Sheree 0412 193 765.

Hill Top Soccer Club Registration: Saturday, 15 February and Saturday, 1 March (10.00 am to 2.00 pm) at Boronia Park, Hill Top. All ages welcome! For more information call Mark Johnson on 0418 117 824 or email mark@nuerahomes.com.au

1st Tahmoor Scout Group: Looking for Cubs (Girls and Boys) aged between 8 to 10 years. Meet Wednesday 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm. For more information please call Phillip Norton 4681 8811

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.

Canteen Roster Term 1:

Friday 14/2 Maria Bellia Judith Rigg
Monday 17/2 Help Needed PLEASE!!
Tuesday 18/2 Michelle Clark
Wednesday 19/2 Judith Rigg
Thursday 20/2 Virginia Williams
Friday 21/2 Robyn McCauley
Monday 24/2 Peta Noakes
Tuesday 25/2 Clare Seidel
Wednesday 26/2 Judith Rigg
Thursday 27/2 Sarah Wadley
Friday 28/2 Maria Bellia Lesley Bramich

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 I am in need of helpers on 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
**HEADMASTERLY HAPPENINGS**

**February**

**Thursday 13**  
Anglican Schools’ Prefect Service at St Andrews, Sydney Cathedral

**Friday 14**  
Consultant analysis of HSC results  
SASC conference planning meeting  
Computer Conference meeting

**Sunday 16**  
HICES (Heads of Coeducational Independent Schools) Conference

**Monday 17**  
HICES Business meeting at Rouse Hill Anglican College

**Tuesday 18**  
Student Interviews Secondary 2015  
College Executive Meeting

**Wednesday 19**  
Student Interviews Secondary 2015

**Thursday 20**  
Student Interviews Secondary 2015  
WAC Primary Swimming Carnival Years 3-6  
Meeting with Tigers CEO at Concord

**Friday 21**  
Student Interviews Secondary 2015  
WAC Secondary Swimming Carnival

**Saturday 22**  
Possible staff event

**Sunday 23**  
WACC 10 year celebration service (Dr Q preaching) 9.00 am in Auditorium

---

**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 8.00 am - 9.00 am, Wednesdays 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm and Friday 8.00 am - 9.00 am.

---

Wollondilly Anglican Community Church (WACC) meets in the Clifford Warne Auditorium every Sunday at 9.00 am.

*Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.  
Philippians 2:4*

I love the image of John Landy stopping to help Ron Clarke who had fallen during the mile race in the 1956 National Championships. It's worth a YouTube search. In spite of the fact that Landy actually won that race and many, many others, he's best remembered and respected for when he put the interests of another ahead of his own. Imagine if our world was like that.

Also, like the College itself, our Church is celebrating its 10 years! Everyone is welcome to join us for a service of thanksgiving and celebration on Sunday, 23 February at 9.00 am.

Rev Rob Meischke 0437533106
Prayer Points

Thank God

- For our building team and the exciting plans for 2014 and beyond
- That enrolments have exceeded expectations again for 2014
- That we are created with the capacity to “want to” rather than “choose to;” to “choose to” rather than “have to;” and so take control of our lives.
- For our families and the encouragement and support that we give each other

Ask God

- For patience and forbearance in adversity.
- To continue to bless the church that meets in our College – for Christ’s Glory.
- That our students will “knuckle down” to the core business of learning and broadening their options for life.

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

_Excellence, Endurance, Eternity._