Being a Great Dad

It’s tough to be a dad nowadays. Increasingly men are wanting to have a greater role in parenting their children. Most fathers want to be more than just the breadwinners. They want to have a more ‘hands on approach’ and know what is going on in their children's lives.

Sometimes dads are poorly equipped to handle these duties because their parenting style is one they have learned from their own fathers. Unfortunately some men don’t enjoy a close relationship with their own fathers. Often these strained relationships are due to poor communication and an unwillingness to show or share feelings as part of the Australian male identity.

Frequently dads are absent more from the home situation and the day to day management of children can fall on mothers. It is left up to the mum to deal with school issues, homework, running the kids to their various activities after school.

Unfortunately the media can reinforce these attitudes and can actually diminish the significance of males in the parenting role. There are a number of advertisements that not only reinforce the stereotypical roles of men and women, but the male is often portrayed as having ‘no idea’ and it is up to the mother to fix the problem.

Even teenagers can see dads as lame and ridicule them about their jokes. (I think dad jokes are pretty funny).

Below are seven ideas offered by Michael Grose (www.parentingideas.com.au) for dads to form a closer relationship with their kids and maximise their effectiveness as a parent and partner:

1. Find something in common with your kids - Dads relate better with their children when they have something in common. Many men relate to their kids while being active, and teach many important lessons through games and play. But if sport is not your thing, find something else that you and your kids have in common.

2. Tell your sons you’re proud of them - Boys want their dads to be proud of them. They just yearn to hear their dads say, “I’m so proud of you and what you do!” Some dads struggle getting those words out! It’s not so much that they are not proud, it’s just that many dads want their sons to be better. Some dads need to be careful not to push their sons too hard or turn every game into a lesson.

3. Don’t wimp out on discipline - Dads are traditionally the kings of play, but they can go missing when it comes to discipline. They get their kids excited in a game before going to bed, then they expect their partner to settle them down.

4. Treat your daughters well - There are strong links between close fathering and the healthy development of girls. Dads teach their daughters strong lessons about how they should be treated by males. So dads need to treat their daughters respectfully so they learn to expect this treatment in their future relationships with men.

5. Say goodbye Superman, hello Clarke Kent - Adolescent boys are programmed to challenge their fathers. It’s part of growing up. Verbal jousting matches are a popular father-son game in which boys take great delight in proving their fathers are fallible. A dad at this stage needs a sense of humour as well as a willingness to stand back and allow other mentors in to his son’s life.

6. Support your partner - Fathers have a profound effect on the quality of mothering that children receive. A woman who can share the emotional and financial burdens of child-rearing with a supportive partner is more likely to be a loving, affirming mother.

7. Change as your child changes - The most effective dads are those who change their parenting to suit the needs of their kids at each stage of development, rather than stubbornly hold to outmoded ideas of how they think their kids should be.

The best way to learn about parenting is by doing it. By being alert, watchful and listening to their children, fathers can learn all they need to know about parenting.
Enrolment applications for Transition in 2015 are still being accepted. Parents wishing their child to attend Transition 2015 should submit their enrolment forms as soon as possible. College Days have now commenced and will continue throughout Terms 2 and 3.

Mrs Christine Mozejko
College Development Manager

Mother’s Day Stall - Friday, 9 May

Next Friday students from Transition to Year 6 will have the opportunity to buy a gift for Mum from the P&F Mother’s Day Stall.

Your child can choose from a range of $5.00 presents that have been wrapped and tagged ready for Mother’s Day on Sunday, 11 May.

The P&F provides this stall as a service to the College students. And a HUGE thank you to the Mums that came to help wrap all the presents last term!

Mrs Vanessa McPherson
P&F Committee
ANZAC Day
Throughout my life I have often been the beneficiary of a sacrifice made by someone else.
While most of these sacrifices have been small in comparison to the sacrifice ANZACS made
for our country, I have still appreciated them and have often been in awe of what some people
manage to do for others.
It was wonderful to see so many of our students participating in ANZAC marches and through this hopefully
they will see that every person can make a difference.
We encourage students to participate and to find ways to be of service to others. By commemorating the
big sacrifices made by others, students can appreciate that we all have a role to play in developing our
communities.
This week on Tuesday we held a short assembly to mark ANZAC Day, the students responded in a way
that showed respect and understanding.

Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Community Service
In total close to 200 students from the College attended a variety of ANZAC day services across the local area during the holiday break. I would like to commend these students on their involvement in these services and on the manner in which they presented themselves both in terms of uniform and behaviour.

All students who attended the various services will be issued with a Community Service award to recognise their positive involvement in this important part of College life.

The College held a short ANZAC Day service this week to recognise this important day. Thank you to the staff and students who were involved in the service.

Uniform
A reminder to all students and parents that Winter Uniform guidelines are now in place with regards to College Uniform:

- Students need to arrive and leave the College each day wearing their blazers or bomber jackets. Blazers or Bomber jackets must be worn into the first lesson of the day and be worn out of the last lesson, regardless of how the student is leaving the College.
- Student's hats must be maintained in good condition. Students may be asked to purchase a new hat if it is damaged or in poor condition or the student may be asked to have the hat repaired.
- Students are not to wear the Green College jumper as an alternative to the Sports Jacket on Tuesdays. The green jumper may be worn underneath the sports jacket if extra warmth is required.
- Students are not to wear any unauthorised piercings to the College. The College diary clearly specifies the type of earrings and piercings that are permitted. Students are reminded that piercings outside of these specifications carry a Formal detention consequence. Clear piercings to maintain any unauthorised piercings are also unacceptable.
- Shoes need to be polished on a regular basis. Students may be sent to polish their shoes and issued with a uniform infringement if this is an ongoing issue.
- Boys need to ensure that they are wearing a black leather belt.

Max Your Potential
Andrew Ramage and Briony Fox in Year 10 are currently involved in a program called Max Your Potential. The program involves these students being assigned a mentor who works with them throughout the year with a focus on personal development and a community initiative. This is an exciting program from which the students gain a great deal of confidence and are provided with an opportunity to further develop their leadership skills.

The program culminates in a showcase during Term 3 where all of the students involved across a range of schools present their work at the Campbelltown Catholic Club during Term 3. We wish Andrew and Briony all the best as they engage in this very worthwhile program.

Mr Liam Toland
Director of Pastoral Care T-12

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Welcome back, the students have settled in quickly which really is fantastic. Visitors to the College have often commented on the way our students are settled and the calm atmosphere that we have in the College.

As T-6 teachers we have worked very hard to establish expectations and maintain these as the norm. Parents have assisted us in this and the end beneficiaries are students who participate in learning experiences and understand the importance of 'doing the right thing'. Of course we are not perfect and sometimes we have little disturbances, however it is so lovely to walk around and see students working well.

Thank you to everyone for the attitude and effort that goes into creating a wonderful learning environment.

Some quotes from a recent student survey that I carried out:

- My Teacher …. is good because when I need help. I get help.
- My Teacher …. is nice but always gives us challenging problems.
- My Teacher …. helps me with everything I need help with.
- My Teacher …. a positive learner and encourages us to try our best.
- My Teacher …. is very nice because she always helps us if we are having trouble understanding something and if we need help she will help us.
- My Teacher …. is really kind to me because she helps me.

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

Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 11 and 12

Parent Teacher interviews for students in Years 11 and 12 will be held from 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 20 May. The parent/teacher interviews provide parents with the opportunity to discuss the progress of their child with their child's teacher.

Similar to last year, the College is using an online interview request system which streamlines the interview process. It also ensures that, wherever possible, parents obtain interviews with the teachers they want to see within the most efficient time frame.

On Friday, 9 May parents of students in Years 11 and 12 will receive an email with their Access Code and an outline of the process required to complete their online booking.

This process requires parents to:

- Use their student booking code to request interviews.
- Indicate the teachers they wish to see in order of priority.
- Revisit the site on Friday, 16 May after 4.00 pm to access their schedule of interviews.

If you have not supplied your current email address and SMS details please contact Mr Jonathan Shaw at the Office on 4684 2577 as soon as possible.

Mrs Wendy Croger
English Coordinator
WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

This is the Term where so much assessment takes place.

It's really important to help your son or daughter understand the importance of assessment.

We don't really come to College in order to pass tests (though it sometimes seems like it). It's really all about learning; assessments can help you judge how well you've been mastering the course and what areas need to be developed.

When you've finished with an assessment task take time to review it, revise your study plan and then set learning goals for the next term or semester.

Finally, remember that it is the preparation that you do in the weeks and months leading up to an assessment task that are important and not the cramming the night before. The first develops learning in your long-term memory whilst the other just fills up the short term memory.

Mr Tim Hicks
Director of Studies

YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO WOOGLEMAI

On Wednesday, 9 April, 9 Grace and 9 Faith travelled to the Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre as part of their field study requirement for Stage 5 Geography. It was a fantastic day filled with practical hands-on learning and new exciting experiences.

The day was split into two parts; a quadrat study and an interactive classroom lesson which included a bonus snake handling experience. The teacher/facilitator remarked positively on a number of students who showed excellent inquiry and interest – well done to them. Thanks to everyone for a great day.

Mr Jay Hart
Secondary Teacher
TERM 1 — EASTER HAT PARADE
TERM 1 - YEAR 12 CAKE STALL

TERM 1 SECONDARY FORMAL ASSEMBLY
Musical Rehearsals

With Primary students staying for the extended rehearsal period this week we were able to cover a lot of ground. Students have rehearsed Act 2 Scenes 1, 2, and 3 and will be learning the songs for these scenes at the next rehearsal. It is also our intention to move forward with Act 2, Scene 4.

Students should prepare for this. All students will be learning a new song, 'Human Again' with Mr Grant this week.

We are on track and students are reminded that rehearsal of lines and songs should also be taking place regularly outside of our Monday rehearsal times.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Director of the Musical

Drama Performances!

With such a hectic schedule of performance, sometimes opportunities to display the fantastic work of our talented Drama students in the Waratah Weekly is missed. Here is a look back at some of the Term 1 Drama performance highlights.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
SECONDARY SPORT

This week in MISA we played Broughton, all the boys’ soccer teams lost as did the senior girls netball. The Year 9 girls netball team had a great win 16 - 5.

Good luck to all our Cross Country runners and Netballers at the upcoming NASSA carnivals.

Next week in MISA we play St Patrick's College.
Boys’ Soccer (Year 7 and Years 8 & 9) – Training at WAC
Boys' Soccer (Years 10 -12) – Training at WAC
Girls’ Netball (Year 9 and Years 10 -12) – Kirkham

Mr Richard Madden
Secondary Sports Coordinator

Some photos from Wednesday's Cross Country, more to come next issue!

PRIMARY SPORT

Tomorrow is the T-2 Cross Country. Year 2 will be starting at approximately 1.30 pm followed by Year 1, Kindergarten and Transition. Parents and friends are welcome to come and cheer on our children as they run.

Yesterday the primary IPSSO teams were finalised. Please check with your coach on any uniform requirements.

Important Term 2 Dates:
Monday, 19 May - NASSA Touch Gala Day (Senior boys and girls) - East Hills
Wednesday, 21 May - IPSSO Round 1 - IPSSO sport is on every Wednesday until Week 9
Friday, 30 May - NASSA Cross Country - Macarthur Anglican
Monday, 2 June - 7s Rugby (Junior and Senior boys) - Colo Vale
Thursday, 12 June - CIS Cross Country - Eastern Creek
Wednesday, 18 June - Half Day Athletics
Thursday, 19 June - Primary Athletics
Friday, 27 June - T-2 Athletics

Notes and further details will be distributed as the events come closer.

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Wheels @ Wollondilly

Come along to Wheels @ WAC on Saturday, 10 May. Gates open at 10.00 am. Final prize presentation is at 2.00 pm. There will be plenty to keep the kids entertained with not only a Show & Shine but also rocker cover racers and face painting. It’s all FREE after your entry with a vehicle, or as a spectator. There are also Mother’s Day stalls for that special gift and plenty of food with the yummy Xstrata BBQ, cake and coffee or sausage rolls and hot chips if the weather gets chilly. Entry is $2.00 per person or $10.00 to display your car and be in the running to win one of our fabulous prizes.

Fletch will be filming an episode for his show Classic Resto’s, be sure to say Hi. Why not have a go at our Rocker Cover Racers - It’s free! Just bring along your Rocker Cover and test its speed against the competition. Open to all ages. Check out the rules on the College website.

A contingent of vintage NSW police highway patrol cars and bikes will be in attendance. Even the drivers will be wearing their period uniforms. Make sure you stop by for a chat. The new NSW Police Porsche will be on show. One of the meanest performance sedans in the world, the Porsche Panamera, has turned good and joined the NSW Police force. Plastered in blue chequers, high-vis and sporting a light bar, the white Porsche Panamera able to achieve a top speed of 259km/h, has been provided to the NSW Police by Porsche Cars Australia to assist with community engagement and police promotional events.

Another great attraction that has come on board is Smithy’s 1/4 Scale Afterburning Jet Dragster. This model jet dragster is a real fire breathing turbine powered afterburning jet dragster with a real turbo-jet engine. Completely scratch built chassis from aluminium with full fibreglass body. The engine is a "highly modified" purpose built kerosene start unit with a home built and designed afterburner system. This model car currently holds the World and Australian speed records for an RC "TURBINE THRUST" powered car. It has been officially clocked at 235kmh (146mph) at Willowbank Dragway, QLD in early 2012.

Calling all volunteers

This is our first car show so the pressure is on to make it successful. Our organisers are putting in a huge effort but they really need some assistance. Wheels @ Wollondilly is calling for volunteers to fill the following positions:

Car Show:
- Gate takings
- BBQ orders
- BBQ takings
- Cake stall service
- Show car parking
- Car show set up (Friday)
- Vehicles (tell your friends or bring yours along)

No minimum time required (even if you can only spare 1 hour) please contact Bernice.

We’d love some donations to the Cake and Coffee stall. We would appreciate small single serve items such as cup cakes or a large item that can be cut into single serves to accompany a coffee such as slices or a large cake. All donations should be nut free. Donations can be left at the College Office on Friday, 9 May or dropped into the Cake and Coffee stall at the canteen on the morning of the Car Show. Any queries please contact Cara Denley 0414 582 773.

Your help would be VERY much appreciated!
Hi everyone, I would like to invite you all to our first Country Fair Meeting for 2014. I am very excited to be back convening this wonderful event along with the P & F. I would love to see some of the familiar faces return that have helped me out in the past, along with those that have continued on with their hard work and support. I am also encouraging all the new families of the College to get involved, we would love to have you onboard.

The Country Fair is a fantastic event to be a part of and I know from past experience I have made a lot of lifelong friends through the fair. This year we have some new and exciting ideas. I would love to share these with you all, so please come along, get involved and help make this Country Fair a success. If you cannot make the meeting due to other commitments but would still love to help out in any way, please contact me on 0425 281 031.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Date: Thursday, 15 May 2014
Time: 8.15 am
Venue: FLOWERS Cafeteria

Mrs Bronwyn Ainsworth
Country Fair Coordinator

Bunnings BBQ

The P&F Bunnings BBQ raised $767.18 towards the costs of this year's musical. A HUGE thanks to our all day team who worked from 7.30 am to 4.30 pm with good humour and exceptional service - Ray Schluter, Julie Wills, Shirley Pearson, John Turner and Fred Schroder.

I would also like to thank Cara Denley, Adam Presti, Tristan Betts and Jonathan Shaw, who gave up their time to help out during the day and Lianne Williams, who arranged everything perfectly, including the logistics of picking up food for a public holiday.

Thank you,
Mrs Danielle Turner
P&F President
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.

**Picton/Tahmoor Girl Guides:** Come and try Girl Guides for more information please call Julie Weeks on 0487 785 765.

**Picton Theatre Group “Don’t Talk To The Actors”:** Picton Theatre Group’s latest production will be coming to Bargo Sports Club in April. The show dates and times are as follows; 26 April (2.00 pm and 8.00 pm), 3 May (2.00 pm and 8.00 pm) and 10 May (2.00 pm and 8.00 pm). Tickets can be purchased through the Visitors’ Centre in Picton. For more information visit the website www.pictontheatre.org.au

**Endeavour Park Equestrian Centre:** Horse riding for all ages (we cater for children and adults, beginners and advanced riders). Our training program includes; Ready Set Trot, Equestrian Aust Certificate Courses, Equestrian NSW Equip-skills Training Assessment, School Holiday Programs, Holidays Camps, Birthday Parties. For more information please call Ineke Thomson on 4659 7033 or www.endeavourpark.com.au

**Dynamic Rhythms:** Located in Narellan (Ph 4648 4224), they offer classes for children as young as one year old! For more information please call or email info@dynamicrhythms.com.au

Sydney Water is currently installing a new transfer pipeline along Bargo River Road as part of the Bargo Buxton Wastewater Scheme. Due to these works Bargo River Road will be closed between Remembrance Drive and East Parade from 28 April to 16 May 2014, Monday to Friday between 6.00 am and 6.00 pm. Sydney Water will maintain access for local residents, school buses and emergency vehicles only during this time. All other traffic will be diverted through Thirlmere via Remembrance Drive, Thirlmere Way and Station Street. Please note that students using the Picton Busline may experience delays during pick up and drop offs in the mornings. For more information please call Sydney Water community relations team on 1800 108 599.

**Saturday, 3 May from 6.30 pm will see a walk in Wirrimbirra Sanctuary at Bargo:** You are invited to spend a fantastic evening enjoying good food, a walk and talk and lots of fun. The volunteers at Wirrimbirra will supply a two course dinner, with vegetarians catered for, then showing people around the sanctuary, giving plenty of information and answering questions as we walk through the night. Torches and strong shoes are necessary to ensure a safe and enjoyable evening. Cost is $15.00 per person, $10.00 children 5 years to 11 years. Please contact Wirrimbirra Sanctuary (4684 1112) as only a limited number of people can be at this event.

**Mother’s Day Bunnings Mittagong Family Fun Night :** On the Thursday, 8 May events will run from 6.00 - 8.00 pm. On the night we will be holding a sausage sizzle, face painting, Mothers day DIY Workshops, games & Butterfly House Entertainment! We would love your support in advertising our flyer in your weekly newsletters. This gives the kids an opportunity to experience a fun filled event within the local area. We value your support and look forward to working with throughout the year!

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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**F.L.O.W.E.R.S. Canteen & Cafeteria**

Our next “Red Day” will be on Wednesday, 14 May. We will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Canteen operation! Start saving your pocket money for lots of special treats!

Canteen roster Term 2

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Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy!

*Mrs Carolyn Richards*
*Canteen Coordinator*
Where’s Dr Quarmby today?

Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)

Dates to Remember

Friday, 2 May
T-2 Cross Country

Monday, 5 May
P&F Meeting

Tuesday, 6 May
Year 7 - Year 9 Vaccinations

Saturday, 10 May
Wheels @ Wollondilly

Tuesday, 13 May
NAPLAN begins

Saturday, 24 May
Working Bee (Please note date change)

Friday, 20 June
Term Service

Saturday, 30 August
Working Bee

Saturday, 13 September
Country Fair

Wollondilly Anglican Community Church (WACC) meets in the Clifford Warne Auditorium every Sunday at 9.00 am. Rev Rob Meischke 0437533106

"Greater love has no one that this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

This verse always comes to mind on ANZAC Day. We remembered what we call the ultimate sacrifice, acknowledging those who put their own lives in harm's way to ensure that we could live in peace. It also reminds me of the Son of God, who sacrificed his own life under the judgment of God, so that we could have eternal peace. It's really fitting that Easter and ANZAC Day are so close together.
Prayer Points

Thank God
- For our Australian Servicemen and women who have served overseas in conflicts that they didn’t start.
- For our Teachers Aides who work hard every day behind the scenes to provide the best service for our students.
- That we live in a country where Christians aren't persecuted.

Ask God
- To support our dads so that they can be more effective parents and partners.
- To bless and uphold those families who are facing difficult times due to financial or health issues.
- To bless our political leaders and grant them wisdom, particularly at the Federal Government level as they formulate the Budget

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