As I was growing up, I often felt that I had the world’s worst mother. My friends and I would often compare notes about how mean our parents were to us and how tough our mums could be. I reckon my mum was the worst.

There is evidence if you don’t believe me. When I was about five or six I was at the grocery store with my mum. There are a lot of tempting things for hungry kids at these stores and I decided it would be a good idea to take a Mars Bar and eat it. It didn’t seem unreasonable as it was there on offer for the taking. It was the natural thing to do, but not for my mother.

My mother saw me enjoying the Mars Bar and rather than congratulate me for being clever and thrifty, she opened her mouth in horror, immediately spanked me and then had the audacity to make me apologize to the owner as she paid for it. When I got home I was sent to my room and had to endure other acts of cruelty such as not being allowed out to play or watch television.

Pretty tough I thought. The damage to my emotional self-esteem was beyond measure. To this very day, when I see something I want or need to have in a store, I feel compelled to pay for it. I have been scarred for life.

There is more. Here are the 10 ten reasons why my Mum qualifies for World’s Worst Mother.

1. For making me eat green vegetables with nearly every meal (maybe not Brussel Sprouts). I now enjoy good health.
2. For insisting on the use of a foreign language..."Yes, sir. Please and thank you." I practice good manners.
3. For issuing consequences when I did the wrong thing. I learned about right and wrong.
4. For expecting me to do jobs around the house. I developed good work habits and a drive to succeed.
5. For making me clean up my room. I know about responsibility and looking after my things.
6. For forcing me to pay for the neighbour’s window I broke with the cricket ball. I learned about respect for other people’s property and trying to fix the mistakes you make.
7. For being critical of me when I could do better. I learned that I need to be honest with myself and always try my best.
8. For making me pay board when I got my first regular income. It made me appreciate the cost of living and learn there isn’t a free ride in life.
9. For encouraging me to read. She inspired a lifelong desire to learn and grow.
10. For dragging me to Sunday School and church each Sunday. My mother allowed God to be in my life.

The evidence is overwhelming. I could add to the list quite easily. She consistently refused to allow me to do whatever I wanted, and because of it ... well, I am grateful. My mother deserves to be honoured as the "World’s Worst Mother" and I thank God for her influence on my life. Solomon wrote about women like my Mother in Proverbs: "Her children arise and call her blessed: ‘Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.’ Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise ..."(Proverbs 31:28-31)

On this Mother’s Day, pay tribute to the one who loved you through all your triumphs as well as your mistakes and helped to mould your attitude and philosophy of life. Forgive her mistakes, celebrate her triumphs, and honour her life and memory. May we thank God for our mothers.

(adapted from Davies L. www.heartlight.org)

Happy Mother’s Day!
ENROLMENTS

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

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM THE COLLEGE

Since the beginning of Term 2 the updated procedures for verifying student absences have been in place.

Absences can now only be verified through the Parent Portal or through a handwritten note from a parent (not by email) within seven days of the absence. Once the seven days has elapsed, the absence will be recorded as permanently unexplained.

If your child is away you will receive an email prompting you to log into the Parent Portal and verify the absence.

If you require assistance accessing the Portal, please contact me in the office.

Mr Jonathan Shaw
Office Administrator

THIS FRIDAY IS THE MOTHER’S DAY STALL......THAT’S TOMORROW!!

Students from Transition to Year 6 will be able to purchase a gift for Mum from the P&F Stall. Your child can choose from a range of gifts that have been wrapped and ready to give to Mum for $5.00. The P&F provides this stall as a service to the College Community.

May we take this opportunity to wish all our College Mums a very Happy Mother’s Day!

Mrs Vanessa McPherson
P&F Committee
Study Skills

How do you establish good patterns for studying? Just the same way that you establish good patterns for anything. Anyone who has ever tried to start an exercise routine, quit a bad habit, or change a sleep pattern knows how powerful a habit can be. Habits are more than behaviours; they are part of who we are. In a way, habits are just that - part of us.

Habits are essentially patterns of behaviour that become "worn in" to our brains. Effective study patterns do not become habits without effort. The amount of time experts say it takes to form (or break) a habit varies. Some say three weeks others up to three months. In my limited experience I would say that the habits I have formed (and attempted to break) have varied (often depending on my attitude at the time). When I have been motivated it has been easier. Sometimes the motivation has been external eg I initially persisted with going to the gym every day because I was paying for it. After a while it has become part of my daily habit to exercise. I don't always enjoy it, however I do it.

Establishing a study pattern requires dedication and a positive attitude. In the end the improvement and the satisfaction becomes part of the motivation to keep going. So I would encourage everyone to set goals and work towards them until they become a habit.

Here are 10 tips to assist develop the study habit.
1. Pick a Place and Time
2. Study Every Day
3. Plan Your Time
4. Discover Your Learning Style
5. Review and Revise
6. Take Breaks
7. Ask for Help
8. Stay Motivated
9. Make the most of resources available eg Apps
10. Look After Yourself

Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Acting Deputy Headmaster

Vietnam Trip - 2014

The second Vietnam afternoon meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon. The students spent time researching places they were going to visit whilst there. They learned some of the Vietnamese language and discussed some cultural and safety issues.

It was a great afternoon and we thank Mr Rockwell from Boomerang Adventures for organising it and Ms Huxtable for her valuable input. Parents are reminded to make sure that their child has had all necessary vaccinations in the very near future.

Mr Tim Hicks
Maths Coordinator
SRC Lunch
On Friday, 2 May the SRC met to have a lunch in the Cafeteria to recognise the contributions of members during Term 1. It was a great opportunity to farewell the outgoing Year 3-5 reps. Mrs Richards served up a great lunch which was enjoyed and appreciated by all. The SRC has commenced again in Term 2 and has already identified some target areas for this term. We would also like to welcome the new Year 3-5 reps and encourage them to continue to represent the Community, College and their peers in the manner demonstrated by the outgoing representatives.

New Reps for Term 2:
Year 3
Danielle Shaw, Emma Johnson, Baxter Davies and Emilio Sica.
Year 4
Harrison Wadley, Lachlan Brown, Eva Majstorovic, Caitlyn Ollis.
Year 5
Jack Carroll, Liam Nelson, Maisie Hart and Zana Rockwell.

Pastoral Program Term 2
As mentioned in previous articles the focus of the Pastoral Program in Term 2 is on Cybersafety. At the end of Term 1 we began addressing this topic through sessions that were delivered to students, staff as well as a parent information session. As is the way we operate at the College, the promotion of a partnership in addressing such concerns is heavily promoted. The developments in this area are constant, therefore it continues to be an important area that needs continuing attention, especially on the home front where the access to such technology and the time involved in its use can be major issues.

The focus of the program is about educating students to be a good digital citizen and to ensure that their online reputation is one that maintains integrity at all times. The sessions will run during Roll Call time with Years 5-8 participating in an extended session on the Thursday, 12 June. Year 9-12 students will be involved in the Senior Chapel Program during the extended session.

Tip for Parents –
With regards to the use of technology and young people, a negative point of view (from parents/adults) doesn’t allow for a positive discussion platform. Talking about technology and the role of its use in your home is a good thing, when done in the right manner.

Awards
It has been great to see the number of students being recognised at the Green Awards for Community Service recently. It is an important area in the life of the College and one in which all can make a positive contribution. All students are reminded that there are a couple of Community Service activities in Term 2 that students can attend and make valuable contributions toward.

- Saturday, 24 May – College Working Bee
- Friday, 20 June – Term Service

Mr Liam Toland
Director of Pastoral Care T-12

Kwik Kopy Macarthur
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Unit 13, 5 Hollylea Road, Leumeah
sales@kwikkopymacarthur.com.au
**Naplan**

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday, 14 and Thursday, 15 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known. Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. These tests are done here at the College and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia. NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing. Later in the year we will send parents an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

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

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**Primary Maths Club**

The students worked through a fun times table practice and happily played for the 2nd half of lunch. In fact, some didn’t want to go back to class!

Here is this week’s website to practice at home. It has all the range of times tables to practice.  

When: Every Monday at 2nd half lunch. I will pick up Years 3 and 4 from their playground and Years 5 and 6 can meet me at the door of Banks 5 IT lab at the start of 2nd half lunch.

Mr Darren Wayne  
Primary Teacher

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**Koorong Kids - Term 1 Order**

I apologise for the delay in distributing orders made from Term 1’s Koorong Kids catalogue. An error has occurred and the order is being dispatched this week.

I hope to send these home next week.

Mrs Tracy Turner  
Primary Teacher
Scholastic Bookclub: Order forms are included for this week. All orders are due back to the office next Thursday.

Upcoming events: Library Week Monday, 19 – Friday, 23 May. More details next week.

Premier’s Reading Challenge: The challenge for this year is well underway. Students from Years 5 - 9 need to see me to get usernames and passwords to enter their booklists online.

Overdue Books: Many students have overdue books from the holidays. Please encourage them to return or reborrow.

Live a life well read!

Mrs Saint-John
IRC Coordinator

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
Musical Update

Students learnt a new song, 'Human Again' this week. We also successfully progressed to the end of Act 2, Scene 4. This is fantastic news. We also had news that our main sets are complete!

We are very excited to receive these in the coming weeks. At next week's rehearsals students will be consolidating those parts of the show which have already been covered and be doing a dedicated whole-cast choreography session. Leads should be prepared to also work on the coming scenes of the show.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Director of the Musical

Artist of the Week

In Term 1, Year 7 Visual Arts students learnt about portraiture. They learnt how to apply tone and the correct proportions of the face to create realism, like the famous American artist Chuck Close. They also learnt about using symbols to create a portrait, using objects that represent the student’s interests and personality, similar to Australian artist Michael Zavros.

Year 7 have used their skills with realism and symbolism to create a split self-portrait. Congratulations to Regan Boyle and Zara Luxford in Year 7 for our artists of the week.

Mrs Belinda Taylor
Secondary Teacher
Year 11 Camp

Year 11 camp is fast approaching (Wednesday, 14 May - Friday, 16 May). Students should have returned permission and medical notes by now. This is a fantastic and challenging experience, as past students can attest. Students are reminded that they will need to bring $5.00 for the $5.00 - Challenge and that the trapeze school activity has been replaced by rock climbing. We are looking forward to a great few days together.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Year 11 Patron

Food Revolution Day 2014

I recently asked a Year 7 class "Who loves to cook?" (quite a few hands were raised), "Who loves to eat?" (most hands raised), "Who likes Jamie Oliver?" (most hands raised with a few squeals). Year 7 will get to be involved with each of these three things. #FRD2014

On Friday, 16 May, 2014 (Week 3), Year 7 will participate in ‘Food Revolution Day’ at WAC. This event has been chosen as an opportunity for students to develop their team building skills and relationships within the year group, and explore concepts which are relevant to both Food Technology and Mathematics. This activity is also part of a Guinness World Records attempt.

Year 7 students need to have the enclosed form signed by a parent and hand to Mrs Madden no later than Monday, 12 May, 2014.

Mrs Emily Madden
Secondary Teacher
Congratulations go to **Sollya** for being crowned College Cross Country Champions again! With a total of 384 points. Wollemi won the Secondary carnival but Sollya’s dominance in the Primary years gave them a comfortable win.

All Sollya students are reminded that they are allowed to wear their sports uniform and house shirt this Friday, 9 May for their flag raising ceremony.

Yesterday our Cross Country team competed at the NASSA carnival at Macarthur Anglican School. Where we had several great results. Kevin Galwey came 2nd in the 18 boys race and Regan Boyle and Alexandra Gaidzignon came 3rd in their respective races. A number of other students also made it through to represent NASSA at the AICES carnival. Well done everyone!

This week in MISA we struggled somewhat losing all games to St Patricks, hopefully next week will see improvement in the score lines.

**Next week in MISA we play Mount Carmel.**
Boys Soccer (Year 7 and Years 8 & 9) – Ron Dine
Boys Soccer (Years 10 -12) – Belgenny
Girls Netball (Year 9 and Years 10 -12) – Kirkham

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**SECONDARY SPORT**

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Congratulations all T-2 children on a great afternoon last Friday at your Cross Country.

Permission notes have been handed out for both the NASSA Touch Gala Day (Monday, 19 May) and NASSA Cross Country (Friday, 30 May).

Unfortunately we are unable to attend the postponed Hindmarsh/Noble Cups this year due to the new dates clashing with previous commitments. We therefore have entered these teams into a Rugby 7s competition at Colo Vale on Monday, 2 June. A note will be distributed shortly.

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**PRIMARY SPORT**

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Mr Richard Madden
Secondary Sports Coordinator

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Mr Stuart McIntosh
Primary Sports Coordinator
SECONDARY CROSS COUNTRY
HELP REQUIRED!!!!!

Most of our parents, carers, grandparents & friends either have their own business, work for someone or know someone who may be interested in any one of our fabulous sponsorship opportunities, like our Car Show, Country Fair, Golf Day or Recipe Book.

If we could all help each other it makes fundraising for our College a lot easier. If anyone is interested in receiving a sponsorship letter please contact Danielle Turner on pandfpresident@wac.nsw.edu.au with mention of which business you require the letter for & what event they are interested in sponsoring, this way we don’t approach any business more than once.

If a sponsorship is not possible, perhaps a donated item towards our Golf Day or Country Fair is possible. Every small donation helps our College & most importantly our children.

Much appreciated
Mrs Danielle Turner & Mrs Karen Johnson

VISUAL ARTS - NATIONAL RECONCILIATION ART EXHIBITION

Wollondilly Shire Council in partnership with Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council will be hosting the Together Arts Exhibition on Friday, 30 May and Saturday, 31 May 2014 at the Tahmoor Community Centre Youth Hub.

The Together Arts Exhibition provides a valuable learning opportunity for students to celebrate unity and reconciliation with the local Aboriginal community, and to create Visual Arts in different mediums that portray the National Reconciliation Week theme, “Let's Walk the Talk”.

I would like to invite all students, who have a passion for making art or who would like to contribute, to participate in this art exhibition. Indigenous and Non-Indigenous students are all welcome to submit artworks. Submission for the artworks is Thursday, 22 May.

Any student wanting to participate can speak to me and participate in the Thursday lunchtime art group if they would like help with their art making.

I would also like to ask for students from Years 5 to 11 to participate in a group artwork. Please see me Thursday lunchtime.

Mrs Belinda Taylor
Secondary Art Teacher

WAC SUPERSTAR!

Congratulations goes to Joshua Phillips of Year 4 who just passed with Honours (A) his Preliminary Grade Piano exam!!

Mr Simon Denley
Car Show this Saturday, 10 May!!
The gates open to the public at 10.00 am. Entry is by gold coin donation which will be collected at
the gate. Please have this ready so we don’t hold up traffic.
If you are participating or supporting the class rocker cover races you will need to be under the sails area
at 11.30 am to put numbers on the cars for a 12.00 noon race start. Every racer will get two runs (one down
each side of the track) and it is an elimination event. College racers will be in both the open event and a
College only event.

We would be very grateful for any donations of sweet treats to be sold with
tea and coffee. We are after individual items such as slices, brownies,
tarts, cookies, cupcakes or friands. Please ensure all donations are nut
free. The treats can be left at the College Office this Friday or brought
straight to the Cake and Coffee stall in the College canteen on Saturday.

Rocker cover races will start at 11.30 am, with heats until a winner is declared. Make sure you come along
and cheer for your friends, even if you don’t have a rocker cover.
The Council Outreach Trailer will be at the show organising giant bowling, video games and other activities
for you to try.
Stop by and see Pee Wee, who is bringing his contingent of 30, or so, modified scooters. They will be under
the sails for you to test your skills at a purpose built circuit. Pee Wee spends his spare time cutting, welding
and modifying scooters into whatever his imagination can conjure.
Decorate Reverend Rob’s car! Wollondilly Anglican Community Church will be encouraging decoration in
the theme of hope, faith and grace. Let’s get creative!
A Grease tribute band will also be playing a few favourites for everyone to enjoy.
And lastly, don’t forget to get your face decorated with your favourite design at the face painting station.
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 Theatre Group “Don’t Talk To The Actors”:** Picton Theatre Group’s latest production will be coming to Bargo Sports Club in April. The next show date is; 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.

**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 you 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.

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
HEADMASTERLY HAPPENINGS

Friday, 9 May
Teaching
Executive Meeting
Meeting Timetable / PT Evening

Saturday, 10 May
Wheels@WAC Car Show

Monday, 12 May
Teaching
Secondary Assembly

Tuesday, 13 May
ICT Meeting
Office Meeting

Wednesday, 14 May
Teaching
Signing Year 11 and 12 Reports

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

Thank God
- For Mums
- For our hard working P&F as they prepare for the Wheels @ WAC Car Show
- For Mr Schroder, Mr Dubois and Mr Rollason and the fantastic work they do around the grounds.

Ask God
- That Mums will feel appreciated
- For strength in our students to make the right choices in life that will shape their character for good (and us as well for that matter).
- To bless our College community and further strengthen the positive relationships that exist between staff, parents and students.

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