HE WARTAH WEEKLY

From the Acting Headmaster, Mr Ian Croger

Sowing the Seed of Success

A successful businessman knew it was time to choose a successor to lead his business. Instead of appointing one of his directors, or one of his children, he decided to call the company’s young executives together. He said, "It is time for me to choose the next CEO. I have decided to select one of you. "The young executives were shocked, but the CEO continued. "I am going to give each of you a seed today – a very special seed. Plant the seed, water it, and one year from today bring what you have grown from the seed I have given you. I will judge the plants you bring, and choose our next CEO."

One of the leaders, Jim, excitedly told his wife about the plan. She helped him get a pot, soil and compost, and he planted his seed. Every day, he watered it and watched to see if it had grown. Soon some of the other executives began talking about their seeds and the plants beginning to grow. Jim kept checking his seed, but nothing ever grew. Weeks went by, but still nothing. Everyone else was talking about their plants, but Jim had no growth and felt like a failure. Six months passed, but still nothing in Jim’s pot. He concluded he had killed his seed, but said nothing to his colleagues.

He continued watering and fertilizing the soil – he desperately wanted his seed to grow. When the year ended, the young executives were instructed to bring their plants to the CEO for inspection. Jim told his wife he refused to take an empty pot to his workplace, but she urged him to be honest about what had happened. It was going to be Jim’s most embarrassing moment, but he knew his wife was right.

Jim took his empty pot to the boardroom. When he arrived, the variety of plants the other executives had grown amazed him. They were beautiful – in many shapes and sizes. When Jim put his empty pot on the floor, many of his colleagues laughed. When the CEO arrived, Jim attempted to conceal himself in back.

"My, what wonderful plants, trees and flowers you have grown," said the CEO. "Today one of you will be appointed the next CEO!" Then the CEO noticed Jim. He invited Jim to the front – with his empty pot. Jim was terrified. "The CEO knows I’m a failure! Maybe he will have me fired!" When Jim got to the front, the CEO asked what had happened to his seed. Jim explained despite his best efforts, nothing had grown. The CEO turned to the group and asked everyone to sit down, except Jim. He then looked at Jim and announced, "Behold your next Chief Executive Officer! His name is Jim!

Then the CEO explained: "One year ago today, I gave everyone in this room a seed. I told you to take the seed, plant it, water it, and bring it back in a year. But I gave you all boiled seeds; it was not possible for them to grow. All of you, except Jim, have brought healthy plants and flowers. When you found the seed would not grow, you substituted a different one. Jim was the only one with the courage and honesty to bring me a pot with my seed in it. Therefore, he is the one who will be the new Chief Executive Officer!"

It is said: If you plant honesty, you will reap trust. If you plant goodness, you will reap friends. If you plant humility, you will reap greatness. If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment. If you plant hard work, you will reap success. If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation. If you plant faith, you will reap a harvest. So be careful what you plant now: it will determine what you will reap later. (www.cbmint.org/)

"The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out" (Proverbs 10:9). "The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity" (Proverbs 11:3)

This story was sent to me by a member of our College Council a couple of years ago. The author is unknown, however the message is worth considering. At WAC we frequently teach our students about the importance of honesty and integrity, owning the choices they make and accepting the consequences that arise from those choices. We are not only trying to sow the seeds for academic success but to ‘grow’ young people who will thrive under the watchful care of staff and parents and come to understand there is a God who knows them and loves them.

Dr Quarmby returns next Monday. I would like to thank Ms Huxtable for stepping into the Acting Deputy role and Mr Hicks for his efforts in the Acting Director of Studies role. They have both been a great support and have done a wonderful job over the weeks while Dr Quarmby has been on sabbatical leave.
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.

TRANSITION IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS NEWS

Every year, the Southern Highland News run a special feature on Pre-Kindergarten and, as usual, our Transition class with appear in this special. The photo was taken on a Tembo day - so Tembo was the lucky class this year! Tembo parents can purchase the paper on Monday, 26 May 2014.

PHOTO DAY

College Photo Day is just two weeks away! The day is scheduled for Thursday, 5 June. Envelopes for your orders should now have arrived at home with your child, if not, please pick up a replacement from the Office. Family portrait envelopes are also available from the College Office.

We have been offered a special promotion where all orders (excluding 'Group Only') will receive a FREE Student Scrap Book which includes a sheet of your child's portrait stickers and other fun pages to fill out. Mrs Saint-John will be displaying a sample of this over the coming weeks.

Some things to think about:
Shoes: should be polished.
Buttons on blazers: should all be present. Replacement buttons can be purchased from the Office or Lowes for $2 each.

Please return envelopes to the College Office as soon as possible. Payments can be made online or using the envelopes - no change will be given so please ensure you enclose the correct payment if paying by cash.

Mrs Christine Mozejko
College Development Manager
FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY’S DESK

Photographing and Videoing Students at College Events – New Privacy Laws

From time to time parents take photos or video footage of children at College events. With the advent of new privacy laws, parents and caregivers are reminded that if they video or take photos of their children at school functions or events they are for their own personal collection.

Regardless of your security settings, images of children other than your own should not be put on social media sites. We need to respect the privacy of other parents, families and children. Parents should avoid including other people’s children in their photographs or videos, wherever possible.

Class or group photos should not be uploaded to social media sites.

Please also be aware that photographs that include staff or parents should not be published without their permission either. The College requests that parents and caregivers support us in this area. It would be unfortunate if we needed to review the practice of parents taking photos and videos at College events. Some schools have been forced in this direction.

Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Acting Deputy Headmaster

FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

As Acting Director of Studies for the last five weeks I've managed to help write two College timetables, two exam timetables, facilitate a number of subject selection interviews and help with preparing the parent teacher interviews..... It's been busy with my normal coordinating role.

I've learned two main things: Sometimes it's important to keep your eyes on the goal or the finish line. Probably the biggest thing I gained was to realise how much Mr Croger does for the College. He would have done everything I did as well as the work that Mrs Huxtable took on. Last night at the parent teacher interviews he was the last one there: turning lights off and closing things up. He's often the first one at the College in the morning and frequently works through his weekends.

If you see him take time to Thank him. If you're a praying person add him to your prayers. He plays such a big part of who we are as a College and the way your children learn and develop as a person.

Thanks Mr Croger for all you do. We appreciate it!

Mr Tim Hicks
Acting Director of Studies
Uniform
As we begin to move further into Term 2 a reminder to all students about the need to maintain a high standard with regards to the way in which they present themselves in their uniform. In recent times some students have been reminded about rules associated with skirts, shoes, jewellery and hair. The following will highlight some of these as reminders:

- Year 11-12 girls are reminded that they must be wearing the Winter Skirt to the College not the Summer Skirt.
- All students are reminded that they must wear the Sports Jacket on Tuesday/Wednesday for sport, not the green College jumper.
- Sports shoes should be predominantly white sports joggers, not street, skate or casual style shoes.
- Students who are asked to get haircuts need to ensure that they meet the deadline set to them by staff.
- Earrings must comply with the guidelines set out in the uniform section of the diary.

I would like to thank the parents that I have spoken to recently with regards to their support in maintaining a high standard with regards to their children’s uniform or for the prompt manner in which they have addressed uniform concerns. It is essential that we work in partnership in this area and allow the concerns to be quickly addressed.

Community Service
I would like to encourage all students to set aside a small part of their day to attend the College Working Bee on Saturday, 24 May. This is a great opportunity to give back and keep our College looking great. All students who attend the Working Bee will be issued with a Community Service merit.

Another very important event in this area is on Friday, 20 June. Term Service is an important part of the College program and something we feel very strongly about. It is a great opportunity for us to meet as a community and worship together. All students and their families are encouraged to attend this event.

SRC
The SRC has had a strong start to the new Term and some great ideas and plans are developing. I would like to commend the input of the new Years 3 - 5 reps who have settled in well and are being great advocates for the students in their Year Groups.

The SRC will have a strong level of involvement in the Foundation Day activities that are planned for Friday, 6 June. SRC will also be looking at a range of service, student competitions and practical changes that will be looked at for the future here at the College.

Mr Liam Toland
(Director of Pastoral Care T-12)
Year 6 Progress Dinner Meeting

Please note: The third Organisation Meeting will be held at 1.30 pm on Thursday, 29 May in the College cafeteria. If you have a child in Year 6 and are available at this time, please come along and be involved, or alternatively, email Mrs Darby in the College Office on k.darby@wac.nsw.edu.au with your contact details and an updated planning list will be sent to you.

Mrs Susan Kellert

PRIMARY MATTERS

Primary Maths Club 2014

Students running to Banks 5 at lunchtimes to capture a computer is heartening to watch. This week’s game involved times tables practice.

To practice at home:
Google: Learn your tables or http://www.learnyourtables.co.uk/

Maths Club: When? Every Monday at 2nd half lunch! I will pick up Years 3 and 4 from their playground and Year 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

Junior Chapel - Room Changes

Due to some testing that is being undertaken by our older students Junior Chapel has changed homes for one week. Thursday, 29 May Transition, Kindergarten and Year 1 will have their Chapel in Gumnut Cottage and Years 2, 3 and 4 will have their Chapel in Melba Amphitheatre.

Parents are invited to attend. The students are enjoying learning about Mighty Moses and his amazing story as he led his people through the wilderness.

We hope to see you there.

Team Chapel
As mentioned last week, our Term 2 Working Bee is on **Saturday, 24 May** from 8.00 am till 3.00 pm and there are a number of jobs which need doing. We are hosting the SASC Conference on the following Saturday so it will be nice to have the College shining ready for this important event on our calendar.

- The College carpark gutters can be swept to rid them of leaves which can then be put on the gardens as compost.
- Mrs Saint-John would love a contingent of cover girls in the Flynn building from 9.00 am to help cover books on the day.
- The College gardens have weeds which can be removed and we have some wood chip which can be placed on them.
- A good job for our students is the picking up of rubbish around the field and College areas using our rubbish tongs and bucket.
- We had our College sprayed for spiders last holidays but the cobwebs are still there which can be removed. If you own your own cobweb broom, please bring it along.
- One side of the new blue wall at the front of the College needs another coat due to Bore Water staining. I have the rollers and the paint, we just need a couple of experienced painters.

As always a scrumptious Morning Tea will be provided by the Wollondilly Anglican Community Church and lunch will be provided by the P&F so come along with your smiles.

Between now and then, there may be more jobs to add to this list so don’t forget to bring your gardening tools, utes, trailers, protective clothing and anything else you think might help on the day and enjoy the company of others while we work together.

Mr Fred Schroder  
Property Manager

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**LANGUAGE PERFECT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Well done Wollondilly! At the time of writing this article Wollondilly Anglican College was ranked 3rd for German in NSW out of 73 schools, 13th for German in Australia out of 341 schools and 18th in the world out of 496 schools!

The competition goes for a total of 10 days. It closes at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 29 May, so encourage your child to go online and boost our score for GERMAN. Remember there are also some great prizes available. The website [www.languageperfect.com](http://www.languageperfect.com)

Remember "**Monolingualism is curable! Learn a second language (preferably German)**"

*Mrs Carolyn Clark  
German Teacher*
Library Week: We have been having so much fun this week with Reading and our Libraries. Students have been working on their PRC challenge in Flynn at recess times. On Wednesday during roll call, the secondary students were buddied with the junior students from Transition to Year 4 and read them stories. The junior students love having the visits and it makes reading such a positive shared experience. The photos tell it all.

Charades competition: Began for the secondary students this week - results over the next couple of weeks along with the Guessing competition.

Year 12- HSC Lectures:
Our local libraries in Camden, Wollondilly, Campbelltown and Wingecarribee are offering lectures for HSC students – details as below:

Max your marks; Modern History; Ancient History; Legal Studies; Belonging (English)
$10.00 for the whole day of lectures

Wollondilly Library – Bookings 4677 8300 $5.00 for the lecture Monday, 7 July
Area of study - Belonging (English)

Wingecarribee Library – Bookings 4861 1167 Monday, 7 July (free)
Area of study - Belonging (English)

Campbelltown Library - $5.00 each lecture
Area of study - Belonging (English) Thursday, 12 June (Eagle Vale Library- 4645 4266)
Immigrant Chronicles Wednesday ,18 June (HJ Daley Library- 4645 4444)
Business studies- Wednesday, 25 June (Greg Percival Library- 4645 4060)

Details have been placed in Flynn IRC for students

Live a life well read!
Mrs Saint-John
IRC Coordinator
This week at Musical Rehearsals we completed a combined run-through of Act 2, as well as looking specifically at singing for the whole show. Juniors also did some dancing. We talked about costuming with some Secondary cast members and started receiving props from the Art Department.

At next week’s rehearsal we hope to finish the show. This will stand us in good stead for the remaining rehearsals where we will be able to focus on improving the quality of performance. Students were asked to look at "The Mob Song" in preparation for next week.

Mrs Sarah Talbot  
Director of the Musical

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Food Revolution Day 2014

After a week of NAPLAN Year 7 students were excited to participate in Food Revolution Day last Friday afternoon. This involved hearing about the global event from Jamie Oliver (unfortunately not in person!), watching a demonstration by Mr Gregory and students making their own ‘Rainbow Salad Wraps’ with the support of generous staff and senior students.

I was most impressed with the way students worked together, got involved and made the most of this opportunity. I encourage students to make the recipe again at home for your families. You are more than capable!

Special thanks to Mr Gregory, Mrs Cochrane, staff and senior students involved. Also we were blessed by the generous support of the following businesses:

Pheasants Nest Produce, Khans Supa IGA Picton, Country Valley Picton and Small Cow Farm Robertson.

Mrs Emily Madden  
Secondary Teacher
Year 11 Camp was physically and personally challenging. It was also fun! Well done to Year 11 for conducting yourselves in a mature fashion for the duration of the camp.

Thank you to the staff who took time away from their families to make this experience possible. Please enjoy the photos!

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Secondary Teacher
SECONDARY SPORT

Good luck to all the boys trying out for the CIS Rugby League sides this weekend at the Narrabeen Academy of sport.

This week in MISA we had a much improved performance against St Benedicts College, both girls netball teams had wins, the Year 9 netball team won 27-2 and the Year 10-12 girls won 13-3. The Senior Boys Soccer Team had a great victory winning 12-0.

Next week in MISA we play Magdalene Catholic High School:
Boys’ Soccer (Year 7 and Years 8 & 9) – Ron Dine, Camden
Boys’ Soccer (Years 10 -12) – Belgenny, Camden
Girls’ Netball (Year 9 and Years 10 -12) – Kirkham

Upcoming dates:
AICES Cross Country Thursday, 29 May
WAC Secondary Athletics Carnival Friday, 20 June

Mr Richard Madden
Secondary Sports Coordinator

PRIMARY SPORT

Congratulations to the senior teams on your efforts on Monday at the NASSA Touch Gala Day and to all IPSSO teams on your success yesterday.

Next week’s IPSSO games will be held here at the College starting at 12.00 noon for the Junior games and approximately 12.45 pm for the Senior games. All games will be against Broughton Anglican College.

NASSA Cross Country notes back now. Notes have also been handed out to those in the Rugby 7s Gala Day on Monday, 2 June.

Mr Stuart McIntosh
Primary Sports Coordinator

WAC CHAMPIONS!

Georja Freeman danced her heart out to qualify for World Dance Masters UK. Georja is off to London in August to dance for Australia, being 10 years old she is the youngest member on the Australian team. Well Done!
ARTIST OF THE WEEK

In Term 1, Year 9 Visual Arts students learnt about animals in art. They learnt how to apply tone and texture to create a realistic rendering of an imaginary animal. Year 9 have used their skills with realism and to create a concept of a creature in a natural environment.

Congratulations to Katelyn Fairley and Kirwen Murrin in Year 9 for being our artists of the week.

Mrs Belinda Taylor
Secondary Teacher
TO ALL BEAUTY AND THE BEAST PARENTS AND BEAUTY AND THE BEAST STUDENTS 15 AND OVER

The College Parents’ and Friends’ Association has once again been offered the opportunity of a fundraiser at Mittagong Bunnings on Monday, 9 June.

We use the Bunnings BBQ to offset the costs of the College musical each year. We rely on senior musical students (and their friends) to assist with this fundraiser by cooking or serving for an hour or two of their time at the stall as a College contribution.

Please note that only students and friends who are 15 years or older can assist due to Bunnings regulations.

Of course all parents are most welcome! Students under the age of 15 are welcome to purchase, eat and encourage. The BBQ runs from 8.00 am - 4.00 pm.

Please contact Lianne Williams at lianne@sproutscatering.com.au, with the time you are able to assist.

Thank you

P&F Committee
The P&F Committee

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
CPE Tree Services Pty Ltd
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F: (02) 4654 5101
W: www.cpetreeservices.com.au

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www.caringcountryvets.com
**COMMUNITY**

- 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.

- **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

- Come along to Kids@ MAC on Wednesdays 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm at Mittagong Anglican Church, Cnr Main Street and Station Street.
  For: Kids from K-Year 5
  Fun, games, food, Bible learning, craft, songs and more!
  This term’s theme: BIG BIG STUFF!
  Cost: $3.00 per child per week, $20.00 full term; discounts for families.
  For more info, contact Mittagong Anglican Church 4871 1947, www.mittang.com.au or check us out on Facebook

- **Help Dane Clark (Year 3) represent NSW in Karate:** A Fundraiser is being held at Maximum Skating (75 Anderson Road, Smeaton Grange) to help Dane represent NSW. The event will be held on Saturday, 31 May 2014 between 3.00 - 5.00 pm. $20.00 including Skate Hire! For more information please call Michelle Clark 0413 154 334.

- **July Holiday Club:** Monday, 30 June to Thursday, 3 July St Jude’s Anglican Church, Bowral is running “Medieval Mania” kids holiday club for Kindy to Year 5. It will be held at the Southern Highlands Christian School. Lots of fun, stories and medieval challenges to be had! See www.bowralanglican.org.au to register and for more details. Registrations close on Monday, 16 June.

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

We are in need of helpers for Thursdays this term so if you can give a day to help it would be much appreciated.

**Canteen roster**

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**Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy!**

*Mrs Carolyn Richards (Canteen Supervisor)*
ACTING HEADMASTERLY HAPPENINGS

Thursday, 22 May  
Student Interview, Teaching, Bus Driving – HICES Debating

Friday, 23 May  
Teaching, Student Interviews

Saturday, 24 May  
Working Bee,

Headmaster Happenings

Monday, 26 May  
Dr Quarmby returns  
IPSSO Meeting

Tuesday, 27 May  
Recognition Dinner

Wednesday, 28 May  
Student Interviews

Dates to Remember

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Wollondilly Anglican Community Church (WACC) meets in the Clifford Warne Auditorium every Sunday at 9.00 am. Rev Rob Meischke 0437 533 106

Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:3

One the most amazing things I have learned about adoption is the fact that adopted children are given a new birth certificate, showing their new parents and older siblings. It’s very much like being born all over again with a whole new identity. While this does have its challenges, it does give a really good sense of belonging, being a genuine child of the family. When we give our lives to Jesus, we become members of his family - genuine children of God.
This week’s Pretend Headmaster Tameka Den (KC), contemplates taking Dr Quarmby’s car out for one more spin, before he returns home next week.

**Prayer Points**

**Thank God**
- For Mrs Richards and all her efforts in the Canteen on behalf of the students.
- For Ms Huxtable and Mr Hicks for their dedication in their ‘Acting’ roles.
- That God loved us enough to give us a free choice as to whether we would choose to love Him.

**Ask God**
- For the safe return of Dr Quarmby and Mrs Quarmby.
- To assist staff and parents to plant the ‘seeds of success’ with our students.
- For wisdom for our political leaders in the difficult decisions they are required to make.

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