I remember sitting in Scripture as a 15 year old listening to the Minister. At the end of a long talk, our guest asked the assembled mob – “Are there any questions, boys?” Bryce Straker, ever the wag, asked a clever one – “If God created the universe, then who created God?” This is the first tough question I can recall hearing about Christian stuff. I wondered why I had not thought of it.

Several hundreds of years earlier, Martin Luther delivered a lecture to several of his brightest students. As with many of Martin Luther's lessons, the theme centred on Romans 1 and the theme was that, “we are saved by faith and not by works. There is no mechanism by which a Christian can earn their way to heaven and that this is what separates Christianity from every man-made religion on earth. Our Father’s love is freely given and cannot be earned. It is Christ who earned our salvation and it is our place to have faith in that finished work”.

One of the brighter students asked, “If that is so Mr Luther, then does that not mean that we can do anything we want?” – Another tough question.

The third tough question was directed at an unworthy scholar when a few years ago, one of my (then) little girls asked – “do doggies go to heaven dad”? She was looking down at her new puppy called DJ. He sat there wagging his tail – Delightfully Jubilant – in keeping with his name. To be honest, I am not a dog person – I have tried, but I am more fond of kids than pets (which is a decided asset in my line of work) though I must admit to a bit of a soft spot for DJ – especially given that he provided giggles and laughter for the girls. It had been a battle over many years. Please dad, can we have a dog; we will look after him and walk him and feed him and bath him. Dad held firm, finally relenting with assurances that it would not be their mother who assumed these duties once the novelty wore off. Several months later it seemed that their mother was doing the bulk of the washing, feeding and walking. It was not really a chore for her – she loved the little guy as well. As he grew older the Vet became the first number on our speed dial. As he passed 20 years of age, it seemed like we had a permanent booking and direct deposit access into the Veterinarian Retirement Fund.

I remember the minister's answer to Bryce – “In asking that question you are also giving yourself the answer son – logic tells you there must be a Creator – if God created the world, then 'who created God' acknowledges the logic of a Creator.” (It took me a while to think that through but he is right).

The answer that Luther gave the student was – “Yes – that means that you can do anything you want – but now I ask you a question – if you truly love God and accept that Christ died for you, what is it that you want to do? How now shall you live?”

DJ died this week on Monday. After the three girls left home, their mum was left with DJ. In her final visit to the Vet with him, Ros had to make the heartbreaking decision to carry him there and end his suffering from chronic arthritis – Delightfully Jubilant no-longer. She was shattered.

I can only be sure that DJ had a wonderful life and that he was lavished with love and affection – bringing much joy in return to three little girls and their parents. My answer was, and is, “I cannot be sure that DJ will not go to heaven, but God knows and I trust God.”

This is probably not theologically perfect; and probably not a clever answer…

... but, trusting in God means knowing that you do not have all the answers – and admitting it.
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

Photo Day

College Photo Day is just ONE WEEK 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.

Transition Tembo students will have their photos taken first thing in the morning on Photo Day (8.10 am). Parents can bring their children in at 8.00 am to have their photo taken before the College day commences. Students in Tembo wishing to have a family photo can have this taken first thing in the morning as well. Please ensure that older siblings are with you at the Auditorium ready to have their photo taken. Parents of Tembo students should stay at the College while photos are being taken as the process will only take approximately 40 minutes.

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 $2.00 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.

SPECIAL TERM EVENT - FRIDAY, 20 JUNE

In place of our usual Term Service on Friday, 20 June 2014 we have accepted the opportunity to host a Colin Buchanan Concert in our Auditorium. Due to limited seating in our Auditorium and to help the event to run smoothly, a ticketing system has been set up. We have been given this tremendous opportunity to host this, while Colin is in Sydney. The tickets will be $5.00 each to partially recover costs. To purchase a ticket, you will need to access the College website on Friday, 6 June. We have already fielded several enquiries from the general public so it is likely that the evening will sell out.

As this is not a normal Term Service, College uniform does not need to be worn and Community Service Merit awards will not be distributed. There will be a few of our College student leaders who will be in uniform on the evening as they will be representing us in a formal capacity.

TAHMOOR UNDERGROUND

GLENCORE
FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Year 10 Subject Information Night – (Tuesday, 10 June) FOR YEAR 11 - 2015

On Tuesday, 10 June an Information Night will be held to assist Year 10 with their decision making for Year 11, 2015. During the evening staff will address the need to make informed decisions with regard to subject selections and returning to the College.

The students and parents who attend the evening will also receive information on how students can nominate their preferences for the subjects to be delivered for Year 11, 2015. Parents and students will also have the opportunity to ask questions and gain further information from the staff present at the evening.

The evening will commence at 7.00 pm in the Warne Auditorium. Students attending will need to wear their College uniform.

Year 10 Students will receive their Subject Information Booklets next week.

School-Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship Information Sessions (SBAT)
For Students in Year 11, 2015 – Tuesday, 24 June, 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm Campbelltown TAFE. Contact 9825 7460 or Mr Cassidy for more details.

Vocational Courses at TAFE (TVET)
For Students in Year 11, 2015 – Tuesday, 17 June, 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm Campbelltown TAFE, ‘The Restaurant’. Contact 9825 7244 or Mr Cassidy for more details.

Year 11 and 12 Student Reflection Sheets
A reminder to all Year 11 and 12 students, their Student Reflections Sheets are due to Mr Croger. These sheets are a follow up to their Mid-Course Reports and used as part of their self-evaluation and goal setting discussions with Mr Croger.

Duke of Edinburgh’s Award - Gold and Silver Expedition
Our next expedition will occur on Thursday, 12 June 2014 to Sunday, 15 June for Gold level students and Friday, 13 June to Sunday, 15 June for Silver level students. Students will be hiking in the Blue Mountains and the Wild Dog Mountains near the Cox’s River and Megalong Valley.

Specific details are below:

**Thursday, 12 June**
Depart from WAC at 7.30 am to Blue Mountains – Gold Level

**Friday, 13 June**
Depart from WAC at 7.30 am to Megalong Valley – Silver Level

**Sunday, 15 June**
Return to WAC approx 3.00 pm for parent pick up

**Cost:**
Equipment hire only.

**Equipment:**
Students will need to carry all their own food, equipment, water, sleeping gear and tent. An equipment list is in the Expedition Handbook.

**Equipment Hire:**
The College has some backpacks, 2 person tents, trangias and rain jackets available for hire. Tents/Pack - $10.00 single or together, Trangia - $10.00, Rain Jacket - $10.00. Hire fees are to be paid before the expedition to the College Office.

**College Expectations:**
Students are reminded that all College rules regarding behaviour and expectations apply.

Mr Croger, Mrs Cochrane and Mr Hicks will be supervising the students. Mr Schroder will be an emergency contact person.

Permission forms and medical forms are to be returned to the College Office by Wednesday, 4 June 2014.

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster
Cybersafety
The focus of the Term 2 Pastoral Program is Cybersafety. Students are currently involved in a range of activities during Roll Call time to look further into this important area. Below are some warning signs to look into that could indicate issues with Cyberbullying.

Here are 11 signs to watch for that may be warnings that your teen is being cyberbullied (and if not, then any of these signs are red flags to look into).

1. Hesitant to be online or unexpectedly stops or avoids using the computer
2. Nervous when an instant message, text or email appears (Watch your child’s response)
3. Visibly upset, angry, or depressed after using the computer or mobile phone
4. Hides or clears the computer screen or mobile when you enter or doesn’t want to talk about online activity
5. Starts using the computer when you’re not in the room (a change in pattern)
6. Keeps going back and forth to check screen in shorter spurts
7. Withdraws from friends, wants to avoid school or peer activities or uneasy about going outside in general, pulls away from family members
8. A sudden sullen, evasive, withdrawn, marked change in personality or behavior
9. Trouble sleeping, loss of appetite, excessively moody or crying, seems depressed
10. Suspicious phone calls, e-mails and packages arrive at your home
11. Possible drop in academic performance or a falling behind in schoolwork

(Source – Dr Michele Borba – Parenting Tips 112 May 2014)

Foundation Day
On Friday, 6 June the College will celebrate Foundation Day. This celebration commenced last year to recognise 10 years at the College and will continue as an annual event. The focus of the day is twofold. Firstly, the day has a fundraising component to support our College Outreach to less fortunate people in the world such as orphans and the homeless in Vietnam and our link school in Africa. All students are asked to make a $5.00 donation which is capped at $10.00 per family. Of course, students will be able to contribute more to these important mission activities if they wish to. The second aspect of the day involves students participating in a range of games competing in House groups. Following the above a, Champion House will be named based on the funds raised and also participation in the games component of the day.

Mr Hicks and the students who are travelling to Vietnam are organising a BBQ on the day that will run at lunch-time. The BBQ will be pre-order only. All students who wish to make a purchase from the BBQ need to ensure that they complete the relevant form and return this with their money to the College Office by the due date.

Students are encouraged to be generous with their donations toward the missions supported by the College. The collection process for the Missions fundraising will commence on Wednesday, 4 June. Students are asked to ensure that they have made their donation on Wednesday, 4 June or at the very latest by Thursday, 5 June. A final collection will be taken on the day of the event Friday, 6 June.

Community Service
It was great to see another fantastic attendance at a Community Service event here at the College. The strong attendance was very encouraging and continues to reinforce the strong community building culture that has been developed here at the College about turning up and making a contribution. It also further reinforces the emphasis that the College places on building community and with community a sense of connectedness.

All students who attended the College Working Bee have made a valuable contribution to their House. Each student who attended as well as being recognised with a Community Service Merit has earned a point for their House toward the Overall House Shield.

On the Secondary Assembly on Monday all students who attended the Working Bee had their names placed into a container. Dr Quarmby drew out three names and presented the students with an Australian Soccer Jersey each.

Congratulations to Michelle Wales Year 10, Max Noakes Year 9 and Ally Amos Year 12 who received the jerseys. This is one further way that we like to recognise the importance of being involved in Community Service here at the College.

Mr Liam Toland
(Director of Pastoral Care T-12)
Year 6 Fundraiser: Inserted in the Newsletter this week is an order form for the Year 6 Fundraiser (for their Progress Dinner), this is a great opportunity to support our Year 6 students and enjoy a BBQ Lunch!

This fundraiser will coincide with the Primary Athletics Carnival (Years 3 to 6) and the Secondary Athletics Carnival (Years 7 to 12). The BBQ will only be available to students in Years 3 to 12.

Parent helpers on the BBQ would be greatly appreciated, if you can help out on either day please contact Mrs Darby in the College Office.

Primary Green Awards will be handed out fortnightly on Monday Week A afternoons, just before afternoon dismissals under the sails.

The Primary Assembly previously advertised for Friday, 20 June has been cancelled due to a clash of dates.

Head Lice: We have had a number of cases of Head Lice in the College, we ask that all Parents please be vigilant and check your child’s hair. The NSW Department of Education and Communities have a number of resources available on their website to educate parents and kids about head lice. Please see links below for further information. Head Lice – Facts, Treatment and Tips

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

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 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
National Simultaneous Storytime: Too Many Elephants in the House (by Ursula Dubosarsky).

Last week the Junior students from Transition to Year 2 celebrated Library Week with a performance of Too Many Elephants in the House. Every year libraries and schools across the country read a preselected Australian story during Library Week to promote and celebrate Libraries and Australian Literature. This year SBS released recordings in 13 different languages of the book so many more children could enjoy the story. Our students heard some excerpts of these readings in Cantonese, French and German.

Rather than simply read the story, we had a live performance of the story, beautifully portrayed by Mrs Talbot’s Year 9 Drama class. They acted out the story with music and sound effects then recreated the story with some audience participation. The children loved it.

This is one of the advantages of attending a T-12 College as the older children are able to work with the younger students whilst developing their own skill set. The premise behind developing a dramatic representation of the book is that it helps students create brain movies - when readers can picture it, they can understand it (Wilson, 2014). Visualising and visual literacy are learned skills and don’t necessarily come naturally to all students.

Creating an exciting and memorable visual experience coupled with the reading helps children to learn visualisation and create their own brain movie. Learning to visualise helps students to then understand complex stories and non-fiction as they get older. (Further information on this topic can be found in the article on Brain-Based Learning by Donna Wilson, Ph.D., May 13, 2014) http://www.edutopia.org/blog/brain-movies-visualize-reading-comprehension-donna-wilson

Cooper Macbeth (Year 2) was so inspired by what he saw that he wrote a story that night about Too Many Elephants in our Library. I was inspired by his writing.

Too Many Elephants in the Library by Cooper Macbeth

Down in the library kids made elephants out of paper. Mrs Moller taught kids how to make elephants and that is how the library got full of elephants. So she had to get them out one by one but how will Mrs Moller do that? Well she had one idea to give the elephants away back to the kids but they didn’t have any names on them. Then how would she give them out? She would have to get the kids to come back to the library and write there names on the elephants. So next time she would know. The library was messy, book were on the floor because of the kids flinging paper everywhere when they wrote their names to take their elephants out of the library. To get their elephant home they read a book called Too many Elephants in the Library. It told them it is not good to throw paper around and still not good to leave books on the ground. It’s not a good idea to do this in a real library, Am I right? Yes, you are right if you said yes. So if you want to come to the library remember these rules. Never ever ,ever, ever make too many elephants in the library or anywhere for that matter.

The End
All the students in Transition to Year 2 have made Elephants as part of their Library activities. They are currently overwhelming Cook IRC but will make their way to homes soon!

Charades Competition: Began for the Secondary students this week. This week is the playoffs and next week will be the finals between the teams. There have been some hard fought battles already so it will be interesting to see which team prevails.

Guessing Competition: In Sturt IRC there were 15 minimalist pictures representing stories – students had to guess the name of each of the books. Congratulations to Nick Fleming (Year 9) who was the only student to get all 15 answers correct.

Year 12- HSC Lectures: Our local libraries in Wollondilly, Campbelltown and Wingecarribee are offering lectures for HSC students. Details and times will be placed in Flynn IRC for students information.

Working Bee: Thank you to everyone who helped cover books on Saturday. We had a huge amount of books covered and these are now available for students to borrow.

Live a life well read!  
Mrs Saint-John  
IRC Coordinator
EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING:
WHAT IS IT? HOW IS IT RELEVANT TO KINDERGARTEN READINESS?

The following quote from the Harvard University Centre on the Developing Child may come as a surprise to many families.

“In many ways, coming to school with a solid base of these foundational executive function skills is more important than whether children know their letters and numbers……Executive function skills are crucial building blocks for the early development of both cognitive and social capabilities.” (Building the Brain’s ‘air Traffic Control” System, p.3)

Scientists refer to the ability of the brain to hold on and work with information, focus thinking, filter distractions and switch gears as executive functioning skills and self-regulation. You could think of it as an air traffic control tower that needs an organised system to function well. These skills are not automatically developed in children. Children are not born with skills to control impulses, make plans and stay focused – but they have the potential to develop them. It makes sense that experiences and practise help to develop these skills.

Executive functioning and self-regulation skills rely on three types of brain function:

1. **Working memory** - the capacity to hold and manipulate information in our heads over short periods of time. It helps children with academic learning and also social interactions.
2. **Mental flexibility** - Is the skill that helps children adjust to changes in demands, prioritise and gain perspective. It helps them apply different rules in different settings, for example home and school. These skills help us catch mistakes and fix them, to use creative thinking to solve problems and explore ideas and to learn things such as grammar and spelling. It also helps children try different strategies when working through social conflict.
3. **Self-control** – The skills used to master and filter thoughts and impulses. These skills help them develop social skills and to stay on task at school. This can be a challenging area for young children.

In summary, children with developing skills are able to more efficiently learn new things, display better focus during lessons and have more stable social interactions with peers. They are able to follow instructions and resist urges to respond impulsively. They act in a way that makes them good students, classroom citizens and friends, which in turn relates to competency as adults in the world beyond school. This is very important for learning the information and skills taught in Kindergarten.

It is often within a classroom environment that delays in these skills are first noted by teachers. Common indications are where children display difficulty paying attention, managing emotions, completing tasks and communicating wants and needs appropriately. Children who struggle in these areas often demonstrate lower levels of academic success. Don’t be alarmed though! These skills can be learnt through practise – the earlier and more the better!

If you would like more information please email me at t.simmons@wac.nsw.edu.au and I can email you a parent information book which is a good concise summary of these skills and how to help your child. For those inclined towards more in-depth reading I can also forward the detailed working paper from the Harvard Institute of the Developing Child.

Mrs Tania Simmons
Transition Teacher
What a great day 150 of us had last Saturday! The weather was perfect as we worked as a team to make our College shine before the SASC Conference this coming Saturday, 31 May.

Jobs completed included:
- Rubbish around the College was picked up by students
- The College carpark gutters were blown and gutters cleaned.
- Leaves were blown and raked off gardens onto lawn areas and then mulched by using the College mulching mower.
- The College gardens including Flynn (which was in a bad state) were weeded and edged.
- Cobwebs were brushed from buildings
- Lots of books were covered over in Flynn, which Mrs Saint-John was extremely happy about.

A large Camellia plant pictured below was donated to the College by Jonathan and Karen Deer and was planted in the garden on the left of the College Driveway in front of the Auditorium as you come into the College. This will certainly add colour to this area as it flowers.

As always a scrumptious Morning Tea was provided by the Wollondilly Anglican Community Church and lunch was provided by the P&F.

Thanks to those members for cooking our sausages and meat patties as well as serving them to us. Our next Working Bee will be held on Saturday, 30 August before the Country Fair on the Saturday, 13 September so place these two dates in your diaries folks, there is lots to be done.

Thanks again for your support!

Mr Fred Schroder
Property Manager

GERMAN BREAKFAST

Year 8 German students are invited to a traditional German breakfast in the art courtyard on Wednesday, 11 June. Unlike Australians, Germans do not usually have weet-bix, toast and vegemite!

Students will be offered bread rolls, a selection of cold meats and cheese, orange juice or chocolate milk.

There will also be gluten free bread available for those who need it. This will be a nut free activity. To make things a little more authentic, students will have to state their preferences in GERMAN to some of our senior students who have agreed to act as servers. We will be revising the essential German vocabulary in class before the event. Students are asked to come straight to the art courtyard outside the German room, where their names will be marked off. The breakfast will be during roll call only. Students will attend Period 2 as normal.

Remember “Monolingualism is curable. Learn a second language!”

Mrs Carolyn Clark
Language Teacher
TOGETHER ARTS EXHIBITION

Wollondilly Shire Council in partnership with Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council will be hosting the Together Arts Exhibition on Friday, 30 May & 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. The 2014 National Reconciliation Week Theme is – “Let’s Walk the Talk” inviting all Australians to put their words into action by participating in the reconciliation journey.

Seven local schools will be participating in the exhibition with around 300 artworks being created by primary and secondary students.

A selection of students from Wollondilly Anglican College has submitted artworks to the exhibition. Please congratulate the following students for exhibiting; Jessica Bethune, Katelyn Fairley, Nicholas Fleming, Zoe Groom, Isabel Hartley, Katelyn Hindley, Holly Hooke, Sarah Laverty, Georgia McCorkell, Lucy Mills, Kirwen Murrin, Katelyn Ross, Ivy Stack, Hayley Venter, Connor Wills and Samantha Youman.

Everyone is welcome to view the exhibition.

Mrs Belinda Taylor
Secondary Teacher

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

In Term 1, Year 10 Visual Arts students learnt about the Archibald Prize at the Art Gallery of New South Wales and the history of portraiture in Australia.

They learnt how to apply tone and capture an emotion in their art making, to create realism or expressionism in their own self-portrait. Year 10 have used their skills with graphite, charcoal and pen to create a self portrait. The students selected an emotion at random and had to portray that emotion in their self-portrait.

Congratulations to Ineke Schroder in Year 10 for being our artist of the week. Ineke has used graphite on paper to create her large scale self-portrait titled "Surprised". Ineke’s artwork is currently on display in the Flynn library.

Mrs Belinda Taylor
Secondary Teacher
Rehearsals on Monday were very successful. We looked at the battle scene and the Mob Song as well as the surrounding scenes. This means that we will be able to get through to the end of the show on Monday. Last week we took receipt of our major sets and several props - they look fantastic!

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Director of the Musical

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**College Musical Cast and Crew**

We are now taking orders for the “Beauty and the Beast” cast/crew hoodie. Orders need to be placed by Thursday, 5 June, *please collect these forms from the College Office.*

Also cast members will be required to supply certain parts of their costumes as outlined below. They will need to have them available for each day of the holiday rehearsals and Musical performances.

Junior Chorus cast members:
- Black, rubber-soled cheap tennis shoes (plain laces)
- Black socks
- Full length black pants
- White collared shirt, sleeves to the wrist (College shirt is fine)

Senior Chorus cast members:
- Black, rubber-soled cheap tennis shoes (plain laces)
- Black socks
- Full length black pants
- Long sleeve black top (sleeves down to wrist)

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Poole.

Mrs Samantha Poole
Assistant Director
**SECONDARY SPORT**

Congratulations to Matt Dunk, Ray Stone and Kye Madden who put in a huge effort at the CIS Rugby League train-on-squads last weekend at Narrabeen Sports Academy. All three boys made it through to the Open and U15 New South Wales Combined Independent Schools teams and will represent Wollondilly at the upcoming All Schools Rugby League carnivals against other Australian states.

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All the best to Connor Dymond who is representing AICES at the upcoming CIS touch football carnival.

It was not a great week in MISA with all teams going down to Magdalene Catholic High School. Let’s hope we can bounce back next week against Macarthur Anglican School.

**Next week in MISA we play Macarthur Anglican 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:**
WAC Secondary Athletics Carnival Friday, 20 June.

**Mr Richard Madden**
Secondary Sports Coordinator

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**PRIMARY SPORT**

Next week's IPSSO games will be hosted at our College against St Peters (approximate times 12.00 pm for the Juniors, and 12.45 pm for the Seniors).

We wish all our competitors well tomorrow at the NASSA Cross Country and at the Rugby 7s Gala Day on Monday.

We won’t know who has made it through to the CIS Cross Country until early next week. The date of this carnival is Thursday, 12 June. Notes will be distributed next week.

Our Years 3 to 6 half day athletics carnival is on **Wednesday, 18 June** from 8.30 am. This will be followed by normal sporting arrangements and IPSSO games from midday. The following day, **Thursday, 19 June**, is the Years 3 to 6 Athletics Carnival from 8.30 am. All Primary students will attend the College relays on **Friday, 20 June** to cheer on Primary and Secondary students in a fantastic ‘Whole College’ finish to our Athletic Carnivals. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to attend these spectacular events. More details will come over the coming weeks.

The T-2 Athletics is in the last week of term.

**Mr Stuart McIntosh**
Primary Sports Coordinator
Students from Years 9 and 10 represented the College at the University of Newcastle’s “Science and Engineering Challenge”. The day was organised and part-funded by volunteers of the Rotary club of Bowral-Mittagong. The challenges involved tasks like building a bridge, an earthquake-proof tower, a moon-buggy or even designing codes and circuits. Some students were able to show their aeronautical skills designing and flying model aircraft. Others were able to develop their design skills building a hovercraft, while some were challenged to run efficient transport and electricity distribution utilities. Overall the students had a great day and got a chance to experience the challenges and excitement of working as an engineer or scientist.

Mr Russell and Mr Baulch
Secondary Teachers

DEBATING NEWS

It has been a busy week with debating in the College. On Thursday morning, 22 May our Year 8 MISA team travelled to John Therry to debate the topic That Money Corrupts Sport. They drew the negative side and were successful in convincing the adjudicator that money enhances sport rather than corrupts it. Congratulations to this team who remain undefeated in the MISA competition.

That same evening, the third round of the HICES Debating competition was held at The Illawarra Grammar School. Five teams from the College participated in this round. The Junior school team debated the topic That there should be no restrictions on junk food advertising on television, presenting the negative side. The Middle school team argued against the case That tobacco companies should foot the bill for the cost of health care for smokers. The Senior and Opens teams, made up of students from Years 9, 10 and 11 only received one hour to prepare debates on topics based on Sport and Social Violence.

We have seen wonderful growth in our debating squads. Our numbers are now at the stage where we need to travel in convoy – with the College bus and van for transport. Debaters are all enthusiastic talkers so the trip to TIGS was very noisy!! Special thanks go to Mr Croger and Mr Van Netten who were the drivers for the day. A highlight of the evening was a visit to McDonalds where one of our debaters challenged the fast food chain to create a special burger – the surf, air and turf.

Our results for round three of the HICES competition were very encouraging and at this stage most of our teams have the possibility of moving into the finals series. Round four will be held at Broughton Anglican College on Tuesday, 17 June from 3.30 pm onwards. Parents are welcome to attend and watch the debates.

Mrs Wendy Croger
English Coordinator

ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION - SECONDARY

The ICAS Science Competition will take place next Wednesday, 4 June. It will involve all students in Years 7 to 10, as well as all Year 11 science students and Year 12 science students who opted to do the competition. Students need to bring a 2B pencil, eraser, ruler and calculator.

Dr Andrew Eaton
Science Coordinator
**STOP PRESS:**

**AUF DEUTSCH BITTE!**

What a week of competition we have had, the World Series Language Perfect Competition has seen some serious battles between schools. There was lots of excitement in Year 7 and 8 as we overtook schools from England and New Zealand. The competition closes at 6.00 pm tonight (Thursday, 29 May).

In the last week we have answered over 300 000 vocabulary questions. We are still ranked 1st for NSW. We are also ranked 6th in Australia out of 556 schools and 6th in the world out of 814 schools. So far we have earned 3 gold, 4 silver, 14 bronze and 33 credit certificates. Gold is for 3000+ points, silver is for 2000+ points, bronze is for 1000+ points and credit for 500+ points. With examination week upon, we are determined to double our efforts.

I am very proud of how much effort many of our kids have put in and how much vocabulary they have revised and learned. To get a point students must answer a question correctly twice, more if they make a mistake on any of their attempts. They can’t earn points for the same questions in the same day either. So it really shows a lot of commitment to earn one of the certificates. These will be given out post competition at assembly for the higher awards.

I look forward to giving you the final results in next week’s Waratah Weekly!

*Remember “Monolingualism is curable. Learn another language!”*

Mrs Carolyn Clark
German Teacher

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**AROUND THE COLLEGE**

[Images of students involved in various activities around the college.]
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.

With thanks,
Mrs Danielle Turner & Mrs Karen Johnson
21 May 2014

BUSWAYS CAMDEN AND CAMPBELLTOWN CLOSURE.

From June 1 2014 Busways will no longer be the bus operator in the Macarthur region due to Sydney bus contract changes.

Busabout will be the new operator from that date. This means **Busabout will operate all services currently operated by Busways in the Campbelltown/Camden/Narellan area.**

Free school bus passes and Busways Term 2 passes will be recognised on Busabout services as per the conditions of the passes.

Busways’ SSTS department will continue to issue free school bus passes to eligible students up to and including Friday 23 May 2014. Any SSTS applications schools receive after this date should be forwarded to Busabout at PO Box 158, Hoxton Park NSW 2171.

Our bus depots at Camden and Campbelltown will close, however the majority of employees, including drivers will transition to the new contract operator.

**Busways will not provide charter services** in the area after this date – for your convenience we have listed some charter service operators below.

We will keep our passengers updated at [www.busways.com.au](http://www.busways.com.au) until the transition. You are also welcome to contact us if you have any questions through our Infoline email – infoline@busways.com.au. Lost property enquiries can be sent through to this email after our depots close.

As always, general bus timetable information for this region is available at [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info) for school bus information please contact Busabout.

We’d like to take the opportunity to thank your school community for travelling with us. Busways has proudly served the Macarthur community since 1965 and will continue to do so until 31st May 2014.

Kind regards,

The team at Busways.

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Charter Service Operators in the Region 15 area:

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From time to time, families undergo trauma such as severe or terminal illness. There are short term 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.

**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](http://www.bowralanglican.org.au) to register and for more details. Registrations close on Monday, 16 June.

**Sue Larkey and Dr Tony Attwood Autism and Aspergers Experts Workshop**: Friday, 13 June at Campbeltown, will be presenting their expert teaching and working with children on Autism Spectrum. For more information please contact dearne@suelarkey.com or www.suelarkey.com

**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.

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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### Canteen Roster

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Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy!
Mrs Carolyn Richards
May

Thursday, 29  Student enrolment interviews 2015
Friday, 30   Student enrolment interviews 2015
Saturday, 31 Sydney Anglican Schools Conference (hosted by Wollondilly)
              (Evening) Travel to Hunter Valley

June

Sunday, 1    Association of Heads of Independent Schools Conference (Hunter Valley)
Monday, 2    Association of Heads of Independent Schools Conference (Hunter Valley)
Tuesday, 3   Association of Heads of Independent Schools Conference (Hunter Valley)
Wednesday, 4 Meeting with Anglican Education Commission representative at WAC
Thursday, 5  Student enrolment interviews 2015
              College Photo Day
Friday, 6    Meeting with representatives from Tahmoor Colliery
              Meetings with SASC, Church Property Representative and
              Property Developers
              Foundation Day
              Student enrolment interviews 2015

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

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

We're used to lives that are busy. We're used to being time poor. We're used to rushing from one thing to another and squeezing just a few more activities into our days. And yet, while we fill our lives to overflowing with so many things to do and to have, we can still feel unsatisfied. The beauty of being genuinely filled is that we can stop looking for more and start enjoying. That's what Jesus brings.

UNCORKED is happening again. Our fun little wine tasting group will begin on Friday, June 27. Contact us for more details.
**Psalm 127:1** Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain.

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.

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**Prayer Points**—From Our link missionaries - Alan and Helen Wood

- Pray for Nigerian Christians, especially in the north. It is sad that the recent kidnapping is what has finally got everybody’s attention re the terrorism that has raged in the north for nearly five years. There have been 20,000 soldiers in the north east since mid 2011, fighting Boko Haram. Many villages have been destroyed and thousands of Christians have lost their lives. Two of our students are Army chaplains in the middle of the conflict.

- Pray for the students at St Francis, they started their end of year exams this week. Pray for the part-time students arriving mid June for their nine week program. Pray for the ongoing development at St Francis. At the recent Selection Conference a record number of 91 candidates fronted and nearly all will gain admission. This should increase the number of full time students to about 150 and part time to 100. The new hostel is half completed and they are using some rooms on the ground floor already.

- As you know, CMS is holding it’s ‘Lasting Hope’ appeal at the moment. This is one way CMS is able to provide all our needs. Would you prayerfully consider making a special donation to the appeal by going to lastinghope.cms.org.au. Your gift will support not only us, but the whole family of CMS missionaries working throughout the world.

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This week’s Pretend Headmaster Scott Hepburn (KS), sends us all a ‘sun-safe’ reminder message as he prepares to tour the College grounds.