Roslyn and I are latter life tourists. Whilst the trend these days seems to be for some young people to travel to exotic destinations, spend most or all of their disposable income and then return home to lament the unaffordability of housing, we were a little more conservative, deciding instead to save a substantial deposit, work for many years to make a huge dent in the mortgage and then to travel when the kids were older. Our first foray overseas was to far away Tasmania at the age of 40 but we have since grown even more adventurous. Maybe it’s because we waited so long to travel, or maybe we are naturally starry-eyed tourists, but we make every attempt to see everything, do everything and ask about everything when we are in a foreign country. We are a little like giggly kids with half-full glasses. There is a sense that we may never return and so it is worth making the most of every opportunity.

That’s why it came as a shock to us that some tourists seem quite miserable. They have a half-empty glass. I recall an American tourist in Germany. After passing several signs along the road pointing to Ausfahrt she inquired of the travel guide – “That must be a huge city to have so many roads leading to it? How big is it – I never heard of a city called Ausfahrt?” The guide explained to her that Ausfahrt meant Exit in German. Her next sentence amazed us – “Why don’t they just change all their signs to English words then?” This idea became a crusade for the rest of the trip as she complained frequently about signs in Germany being written in German.

And then there was the British couple at Ayers Rock/Uluru. The guide showed the tour group a large stone with an ancient carved viewing hole that provided a secure line of sight to the local water hole. She went on to explain to us that the elders of the tribe used to hide in this place with the young boys so that they could watch the hunt and learn. The British man asked, “At what time of the day do they generally hunt – because it must be difficult with so many tourists around?” The guide explained that these days they normally hunt with spotlights, 4-wheel drives and shot guns – or just go down to the IGA and purchase some Kangaroo Tails from the fridge. The British couple were aggrieved – and loudly lamented the dilution and lack of authenticity of their “ruined” Red Centre experience.

And, (wince) sadly, there was also the Australian retiree who took every opportunity to lecture and berate each of the tour guides in China. “These are third world conditions”; “This food is terrible”; “Why does everyone clear their throats and spit?"; “This country will never have a tourist industry with stinky, unhygienic toilets” etc, etc.

The American tourist seemed to miss the spectacular castles, the stunning greenery and the thrill of the sports cars passing our tour bus at 280kph on the autobahn in Germany as she complained about the signs and the early morning wake-up calls. The British couple missed the stillness, the silence and the rugged beauty of the red centre as they mumbled about the heat, the dust and an inauthentic experience of culture. The Australian retiree missed the unique craftwork, the snow-capped mountains and the stories of ancient civilizations, conquests and dynasties in China as she loudly lamented the food, the toilets and the manners of our hosts, making copious notes for her scathing report to the travel agent on our return to Australia.

It all comes down to a state of mind. Back home at Wollondilly Anglican College, I am less of a tourist and more like a bus driver – and I am always encouraged by the positive tone of students, staff and parents here. Most are enjoying the trip and making the most of a once in a lifetime opportunity.

“Complaints are like the clouds that produce no rain no matter how thick they gather.” — Israelmore Ayivor.
O’ Day - Saturday, 25 October!

Thank you to everyone who came along to O’ Day! The day was a great success and it was wonderful to welcome so many new families into the College. It was especially fantastic to see so many of our current families there on the day; learning more about the College and sharing their wisdom with newcomers.

The students having their Orientation for 2015 were thoroughly entertained in their respective groups, gaining new skills and friendships and getting ready for the big year ahead.

Thank you once again to our P&F Committee who graciously gave up their morning to be here and provide a delicious BBQ. Thanks also to Mr Schroder who was here early Saturday morning and one of the last out the gate (and didn't stop the whole time).

Scholarships

Scholarship applications are now open for students entering Years 5, 7, 9 and 11 in 2016. Academic, Music and Dance Scholarships will be available. The closing date will be Monday, 9 February 2015.

Please visit: www.wac.nsw.edu.au/scholarships to register for the scholarship test and to download the Scholarship Summary document.

Mrs Christine Mozejko
Development Manager

P&F Golf Day - Friday, 7 November 2014

Golf Day is approaching fast and the carts are disappearing quickly. If you want to be part of the fun, please return your registration form asap to the College Office. There are still spaces for teams and individuals to play. We need to confirm numbers for the delicious buffet lunch too. You are welcome to join in the festivities of the lunch without playing golf beforehand for just $25.00. There are prizes, games and a yummy two course meal.

If you are available to help on the day, we need people for set up from 6.30 am, help with the breakfast BBQ, rego and various activities throughout the day. Please register your interest in helping by contacting the Office or emailing pandfpresident@wac.nsw.edu.au

It is a great day out, even if you know nothing about golf!

Golf Day Committee

WAC Business Directory

The 2014 WAC Business Directory is being assembled. It is a contact book of local services and businesses connected to the College. Parents and friends are encouraged to drop their business cards into the office for inclusion in the next Directory. Please do not assume that because you were in last year, you will automatically be included this year.

Alternatively, you can email a high resolution logo or card to pandfpresident@wac.nsw.edu.au. The cut off date is close of business Friday 14 November to allow time for editing, printing and distribution early in 2015.

Mrs Danielle Turner
P&F President
Examinations Years 7-10

Years 7-10 Exams commencing Friday, 31 October to Friday, 7 November. Students should have received a copy of the Examination timetable in last week’s issue of the Waratah Weekly.

Students in Years 7-10 should speak to their Year Patron if they missed out on receiving an examination timetable.

PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS DURING EXAMINATIONS (Years 7-10)

1. Equipment - Students should line up outside the exam room and enter in a quiet and orderly fashion under the direction of a teacher. They should have all the necessary equipment needed for each exam – pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, Board of Studies approved calculator. This equipment must be carried in a clear pencil case or clear A4 plastic sleeve. Students are not allowed to borrow equipment during an exam. They are required to bring their diary into the exam room and place it on the floor near their exam desk. Students should not bring any other written material into the examination room.

2. Students should line up outside the exam room in class groups. For exams in the auditorium students are to line up and wait on the grassed area near the pedestrian crossing. They are to enter in a quiet and orderly fashion. Years 7 to 10 are seated alphabetically or in the order determined by the lead exam supervisor. They are to fill the rows from the front first.

3. Students should NOT:
   - talk once inside the examination room;
   - move around once they have sat at an examination table;
   - borrow equipment;
   - attempt to copy another student’s work or obtain an answer which is not their own work;
   - bring in any notes, diagrams, etc.;
   - place completed pages on the floor beside them;
   - bring in food (water in clear plastic containers is permitted);
   - go to the toilet during an examination – except in emergencies;
   - leave the examination room before being dismissed;
   - leave rubbish behind them;
   - be late.

Tips for Exams - College Diary

Students should also receive an examination outline and some study tips from their classroom teachers. The College Diary has some useful information on study and preparation for exams.

Staff Professional Development Days – Thursday, 13 November and Friday, 14 November

These are pupil free days where the staff have an opportunity to undertake professional development activities.

Areas included:

- Planning and Programming for the new National Curriculum
- Training Senior Staff – ‘Appretio’ – Teacher Development and Review process
- Improving Literacy and Numeracy Plan
- Pastoral Care planning 2015
- Chemical Safety Training

Mr Ian Croger

Deputy Headmaster

ADVANCE NOTICE: BLAZERS FOR MIDDLE YEARS – 2016

From Winter 2016, students in Years 5 and 6 will wear the same blazers as students in Years 7 and 8. The central purpose is to provide a more suitable Independent College look for these students and provide a clear delineation for entry into Middle School. The rest of the uniform for Years 5 and 6 will not change.

The delay allows for parents to plan purchases 18 months in advance so we understand that there may be some overly faded bomber jackets in 2015. (Please remember that the clothing pool is also available). Also it allows our Uniform supplier to run down stock. For 2015, Year 5 and 6 students will be requested to continue borrowing (and looking after) Year 7 blazers for College representation at and public and interschool events. Thanks to those helpful Year 7 students who lend their blazers.
**Pastoral Care Matters**

**Student Drivers**
As many of our new Year 12 students progress toward attaining their licence, students are reminded about the following:

- Prior to driving to the College, attain, complete and return a *Driving to the College* form from Mrs Talbot.
- For any passengers that will be riding in the vehicle a Passenger Form needs to be completed prior to travelling with a student driver. This form is also available from Mrs Talbot.
- Student drivers will have their details recorded and will be issued with a Driving to School Pass.
- Students should park in the student carpark area and cannot access their vehicle during the College day without permission from a staff member.
- Students should enter and leave the College adhering to the posted Speed limits.
- Student drivers are not permitted to leave the College in the afternoon until the first line of buses have left the College Grounds.

Mrs Lisa Rockwell  
Acting Director of Pastoral Care T-12

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**Careers Corner**

Twice a year the College organises Tax File Number (TFN) applications for students. The application process is simple; students collect a ‘TFN in schools’ application form from Mr Cassidy and return the completed form to Mr Cassidy with a certified copy of their birth certificate or passport by the due date.

The form is then checked and verified by the College and submitted to the Tax Department who in turn issue the applicant with a TFN. The TFN is sent by mail directly to the address nominated on the application. Students will need a TFN if they intend to seek full or part time employment or they intend to access Centrelink assistance including Fee-Help for University or TAFE. The closing date for completed applications is the Friday, 7 November 2014. Late applications will not be accepted and the next opportunity will be in Term 2, 2015.

Please call me if you or your child has any questions regarding this matter.

Mr Michael Cassidy  
Careers Advisor
**Grandparents’ Day**

It was fantastic last Friday to see so many Grandparents spending time with their Grandchildren at the College.

Students and Grandparents alike had a fantastic time looking at classrooms, engaging in learning, seeing evidence of previous learning and looking through the book fair. Grandparents were treated to a spectacular concert performance by our primary students.

A huge thank you to all staff, students and grandparents for making this such a special day

Mrs Krystine Keen  
Pastoral Coordinator (T-4)

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**Koorong Kids**

Enclosed is the last Koorong Kids catalogue for 2014! This Terms catalogue is jam packed with great Christmas gift ideas. There are lots of Christmas story books and some fantastic new Christmas products. A new book featured is called, *Everyone can Help Someone*. It is based on a true story about learning to help others. Kids are also loving the NEW Action Bible Guess-it game. It is a fabulous Bible quiz game that kids and adults all seem to enjoy.

The books and resources in Koorong Kids catalogues are carefully chosen, as their goal is to help children understand and relate to a God who loves them.

Can you please ensure all orders are returned to the office by Wednesday, 12 November.

Mrs Tracy Turner  
Primary Teacher

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**Stage 2 Excursion Reminder**

Stage 2 will be heading to Old Government House Parramatta and James Ruse Experiment Farm Cottage at Harris Park on **Friday, 21 November 2014** as part of our HSIE unit on Places, *Then, Now and Tomorrow*. Each educational activity will be conducted by staff at both centres.

Some of the exciting activities the students will be involved in include participating in a school lesson of the early 1800’s, observing the lifestyles of the people who lived in this time. They will also sit in a pretend convict hold, view early colonial life and engage in traditional and English style technologies of farming methods.

Please be aware that we will be leaving the College at **8.00 am** and will arrive back at the College after College hours estimating between **3.45 pm - 4.00 pm**. Students are to wear full College sports uniform and bring usual excursion requirements that are listed on the permission note. If you require any further information, please email **d.wayne@wac.nsw.edu.au**

Stage 2 Teachers
Orientation Day and Open Day was a great success. Thank you to Brooke Carter and Colleen Maihi for coordinating the merchandise stall and Julie Wills, Fred Schroder, Helena Turner, Maiya Nance, Ella Nance, Brianna Nance, Rev Rob Meischke and Lianne Williams for serving up a delicious BBQ.

Many hands make light and enjoyable work!

Thank you
Mrs Danielle Turner (P&F President)
SECONDARY SPORT

Congratulations to Jye Green who made it through to the last 24 at the CIS cricket trials, the final squad will now be selected next February.

This week in MISA we struggled against St Patrick’s College, both girls teams lost.

Next week in MISA Tuesday, 4 November. We play Magdalene Catholic High School
Oztag (Years 7 - 9 Girls) – WAC
Volleyball (Years 10 -11 Girls) – WAC
Cricket (Year 7 and Years 8 & 9) – Onslow, Camden.

Mr Richard Madden
Secondary Sports Coordinator

PRIMARY SPORT

Yesterday the IPSSO teams travelled to play against St Peter’s in Campbelltown. Well done to all teams on a successful day.

Next week we will be travelling to Broughton Anglican College. All games will be in the Broughton College grounds. Swimming continues again next week.

Good luck to the Cricket Team who are playing at the NASSA Cricket Gala Day today.

Mr Stuart McIntosh
Primary Sports Coordinator

WAC SPORTING CHAMPION

Congratulations to Branden Hancock of Year 7 who won the Pan Pacific Championship for Brazilian Jui Jitzu in Melbourne recently.

Branden will now go on to represent Australia in America in 2015.
**Book Fair:**
Thank you to everyone who attended our book fair. It was a huge success promoting literacy to the students and will put a lot of new books into our Libraries so we thank everyone for their support.

**In Library with Primary:**
This week we have been “Looking for Crabs” (By Bruce Whatley) and had great fun making our own crabs to invade the Library.

*Live a life well read*

*Mrs Saint-John*  
IRC Coordinator

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**MAKE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE**

You are invited to come along and make a gingerbread house! With easy step-by-step instructions and friendly helpers to assist you, there is no experience required! This is a lovely activity to do with your child but they must be at least 11 years old.

All proceeds will be used to support **Plan International** to support girls education and their ability to get to school in Uganda.

**The details are** -

- 1.30 pm Saturday, 22 November
- $30.00 – Tickets on sale from the College Office (Limited numbers available).
- Held in the Warne Auditorium (Afternoon tea will be provided)

*Mrs Louise Saint-John*
Last term all students in Year 8, plus elective German students participated in an Assessment of Language Competence, which is conducted by the Australian Council for Educational Research.

Students in Year 8 completed a listening skills assessment, while elective students were assessed in both reading and listening comprehension. This year the College received 50 Credits and five Distinctions! Congratulations to the following students.

**CREDITS**
Year 8 Chelsea Alcorn, Anastacia Atkins, Georgia Beddow, Tara Bennett-Smith, Keelan Betts, Tyler Birman, Roy Bramich-Wilson, Marnie Brauer, Bella Creswick, Hugh Croucher, Talicia Cunningham, Breanna Ellul, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Joshua Gerlan, Amy Gregory, Hamish Harrison, Fergus Hayes-Sant, Joshua Hornery, Dylan Hyslop, Nicholas Keable, Alex Kosednar, Cate Leifels, Irene Li, Georgia Luscombe, Terry Luxford, Jason Majewski, Giaan Maney, Bradley Matthews, Kirralee Miller, Thomas Munday, Lauren Parker, Tahlia Pfitzner, Jacob Rockwell, Eloise Roelands, Timothy Ryan, Noah Sarkis, James Schluter, Jack Starr, Maya Tuckwell, Bailey Tzitziris, Shiralee Ward

Year 9 Emily Baker, David Clark, Taylah Fenning, Cheyenna Harris, William Harris, Ashley Jarvis, Caitlin Konzen

Year 11 Thomas Crougher, Georgina SaintJohn-Viney

**DISTINCTIONS**
Year 8 Courtney Lange, Ellie Moore
Year 9 Murray Jobbins
Year 12 Emily Clark, Ben Spooner

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

Mrs Carolyn Clark
German Teacher

**PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB**

Photography Club will not be running during **Week 5** Examination Week. We will start back on **Week 6** Monday, 11 November from 2.35 pm - 4.30 pm. Any students who would still like to join are welcome. Parents are to collect their children from the back car park between Melba and Flynn buildings.

Students will be working with the wet darkroom, pin hole cameras and analogue SLR cameras. Please see Mrs Taylor for any further details.

Mrs Belinda Taylor
Art Teacher

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

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Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy!

Mrs Carolyn Richards
THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Our College is very appreciative of the support of our families, the local community and local businesses in the area.
Please take the time to browse through the Sponsors in this Waratah Weekly.
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(Remember to carefully read about the businesses who are supporting us)

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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.

**Australia Day Awards 2015 Nominations** - Each year Wollondilly Shire Council celebrates the achievements and contributions throughout the Wollondilly community. Closing date for nominations is 17 November at 4.00 pm. Full details of the Award Criteria can be found at www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au.

**CEDAR CREEK ORCHARD** - Located in Mulhollands Road, Thirlmere, will be opening the farm to **PICK YOUR OWN NECTARINES AND/OR PEACHES** during November weekends. They will be open for EITHER nectarine or peach picking on Saturdays & Sundays in November from Saturday, 8 November. Opening Hours are 9.30 am to 2.00 pm each day & there is an entry fee of $4.00 for adults, $2.00 children. You will be transported into the different picking areas by their tractor with people-mover trailer! For more information please call on 4681 8457, during office hours.

**Are you looking for a venue for your group to meet?** Somewhere central with easy parking? A safe fenced play area? Fully equipped kitchen? Disability access? Then consider Picton Uniting Church Hall, 2 Lumsdaine Street, Picton which is available at reasonable rates. Contact Gaye 0412 408 020

**Campbelltown Ghost Scout Group** - Is celebrating its second birthday and they are having an open day. The Birthday and Open Day is this Saturday, 25 October from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm and includes a BBQ, Obstacle Course, Games, Craft and Campfire Cooking. Campbelltown Ghost Scouts is a group for all in our community, but it has a particular focus on meeting the needs of youth with range of special or additional needs. They cater for youth between 6-18 years of age. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr Paul Johnson on 0429 123 617

**Interested in playing Soccer in 2015?** Picton Rangers Football Club (soccer) is holding a pre-registration day on Saturday, 29 November for all ages from under 6’s 10.00 am - 12.00 noon at Hume Oval, Downing Street, Picton

**STADS - Sarah's Theatre and drama skills** - 2014 Annual Performance will be held on the following dates Friday, 14 November at 7.00 pm, Saturday, 15 November at 7.00 pm and Sunday, 16 November at 1.00 pm. This exciting event will be held at Wollondilly Shire Hall Menangle Street, Picton. For more information please call Sarah on 0415 995 225.

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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**WOLLY COLOURING IN COMPETITION -**

Year 3 : Sam Reid
October

Thursday 30  Junior Chapel
  Staff meeting
  Year 1-12 Student enrolment interviews 2016
  (Evening) Meeting with the Bishop of Wollongong

Friday 31  Middle Chapel
  Years 1-12 Student enrolment interviews 2016

November

Monday 3  Building Stage 7 Site Meeting
  Years 1-12 Student enrolment interviews 2016
  (Evening) Parents’ and Friends’ meeting

Tuesday 4  College Executive meeting
  Years 1-12 Student enrolment interviews 2016

Wednesday 5  Year 1-12 Student enrolment interviews 2016

Thursday 6  SASC Heads meeting with Chairman of the Board
  (Evening) SASC Annual Conference in Sydney

Friday 7  Parents’ and Friends’ Association / Parents and Corporate Golf Day 2014

Saturday 8  Association of Heads of Independent Schools Australia meeting at PLC Croyden

Sunday 9  AHISA at PLC Croyden

Monday 10  AHISA at PLC Croyden

Wollondilly Anglican Community Church (WACC) meets in the Clifford Warne Auditorium every Sunday at 9.00 am. Rev Rob Meischke 0437 533 10

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.
1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Even after nearly 2000 years, the Bible still challenges our stereotypes. A real man is not a dominant bully. A real man is watchful and considerate. He stands firm in the faith of trusting Jesus rather than himself. He is strong, persevering when things get tough. And, he does everything in love, putting the needs and wishes of others ahead of his own. Time to man up.
This week’s Pretend Headmasters Alex Spiteri, Harry Syphers and Jack Wadley (KC), form a committee to discuss great ideas for 2015.

Prayer Points

Thank God

- For the encouragers among us.
- That there is so much to see and experience on this amazing world that He has created.
- For our community.

Ask God

- For the capacity to see the glass as half full – more times than we see it half-empty.
- That He will continue to remind us of our privilege and responsibilities in His service.
- To bless the least, the lost and the lonely at our College.

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.