Lee Trevino was a happy-go-lucky golfer who entertained crowds during the years when I had time to play. Though he was not the original golfer who used the words below (some credit Gary Player who, in turn, credits Gerry Barber), it was Lee’s typically quick-witted answer that certainly caught my young and impressionable attention.

Lee Trevino hit a magical iron shot, one that appeared to curve around a tree trunk, duck under branches, soar over a bunker and bite a few feet from the pin. “Signor Trevino,” called a Roman from the gallery, “are you always that lucky?” “Signor,” replied the U.S. Open champion, “the more I practice, the luckier I get.” (1968 November 26, The Daily Times-News, “Lee Trevino A Fluke? That’s A Laugh” by Ira Berkow).

I was prompted to think of this as I was considering a comment from a parent the other day who asked, “How do you get such good staff?” One could easily exchange the word “blessed” for “luck” and just leave it at that, and of course this College has been abundantly blessed by God in staffing, but there is also a sense here of another Biblical principle – “iron sharpens iron”. This is true not only spiritually but in professional practice.

Consider two schools. Both have the ambition of making a difference; both value teaching and learning; both strive for good outcomes. Yet Lucky College struggles. The prevailing tone at Lucky is one of work for work’s sake; of getting the work done for the teachers; of assignments being an end-point; of mistakes as an embarrassment; of school as a vehicle for getting a job; where the deal is results and the currency is grades. Up the road at Blessed College, the students are generally happy to attend. There is a different tone that is hard to describe. There is a sense that flexibility and collective thinking is valued; students are stretched out of their comfort zone in public speaking, sport and other areas; mistakes are learning opportunities; so are assignments; students are encouraged to think about thinking; opportunities abound with staff going the extra mile to provide extra-curricular clubs and activities.

Rupert and Rodney were two Mathematics teachers. They were twins. They had a typical Maths teacher joke where they called themselves R squared. Maths teachers laughed very loudly at Rupert and Rodney’s joke. Nobody else laughed – but that just seemed to make it funnier to Rupert and Rodney. Rodney got a job at Lucky College. Rodney soon learnt the importance of the practice of following the curriculum and identifying exactly what was, and what was not, in the test. There was a bland “formulaic” feel at Lucky as each cohort of students came and went. There were good speeches, even tears and hugs, but most kids were eager to get Lucky over and done with asap and get on with earning a quid. Rupert got a job at Blessed College. He was mentored from day one. That was the practice at Blessed. He learnt that education was more than jobs and more than just results. He learnt that these things were important but that there were ways to challenge students – to get them to think outside the square – to bring the curriculum to life. The staff at Blessed seemed energised in a weird (but good) kind of way and the students seemed excited about attending (well – some of them).

The twins got together from time to time. Rodney was happy – but Rupert seemed happier. Rodney was proud of the results his kids achieved. Rupert was proud of his kids’ results too – but he would waffle on about the lights in their eyes as they discovered things and got excited about things – or some such tommy-rot. Rodney was always left with the impression that he was stacking bricks into a wall – and he could never escape the thought that his brother was building a cathedral.

It is one thing to be blessed; quite another to realise it; but true contentment to pass it on.
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 BE AWARE that students who commenced a scholarship in 2014 will need to reapply for scholarships to commence in 2016.

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

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Development Manager

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50 Most Common Parenting Questions (Here are just a few)

- **How do I get my child to stop being defiant and answering back?**
  Backchat and defiance go hand-in-hand. Behind most conflict between kids and parents are the deeper issues of **Power** (I'm the boss of you!), **Position** (I'm your parent!) and **Prestige** (What will others think of me if I let you get away with this?). Answering back and comeback lines threaten our position, our prestige and they are about power. Most parents respond too impulsively to backchat with anger or with defiant words, which encourages more defiance. The key is to remove yourself from the power play. Here are some ideas:
  1. Avoid responding to backchat verbally, instead move away. Nonchalance defeats a power play.
  2. Tell your child what you will do, rather then what he should do.
  3. Use 'I-messages" if you want to communicate how you feel. E.g "When you talk to me like that I feel hurt....."

- **How do I get my child to cope with peer pressure?**
  As children become adolescents the more influence peers have on their thinking, attitudes, values and behaviour. For a young person, resisting peer influence can mean isolation or instant ostracism, so it sometimes takes great strength of will to refuse to follow the crowd. Here are some ideas to help:
  1. Help children and teens say no and save face and maintain their status.
  2. Encourage young people to gain some thinking time when they feel uncomfortable with a peer’s request.
  3. Encourage them to think through the consequences of decisions.
  4. Discuss the impact of peer pressure and that it makes them feel unsafe.
  5. Allow your kids to hold opinions different to your own so that they don’t always feel they have to please others.

- **How much should I push a child to continue an activity they want to drop out of?**
  It's difficult to know whether to push a child or not to pursue an activity, particularly when they have talent. It's natural for a parent to want to develop a talent. These guidelines may help:
  - Activities shouldn't adversely impact on a child's mental health and wellbeing.
  - Sometimes doing things they don't want to do are good for kids.
  - Kids should finish what they started - so see out a course or a sports season.
  - Dropping out can become an habitual avoidance strategy.
  - Help kids make a considered choice, not an impulsive decision.


Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster
**Pastoral Care Matters**

**Maintaining the Standards**

As we enter the period of the year post exams there is sometimes a tendency for students to relax with regards to the standards that are part of day-to-day practice at Wollondilly Anglican College. It is very important that this mentality is challenged on the home front in the same manner that it is challenged at the College. Students are to finish the year in a positive manner and maintain attention to the following areas:

1. **Uniform** – All aspects of uniform need to be worn daily and in the correct manner. Students may be informed of items of uniform that they may need to update or replace, please assist us in this area by addressing this in a prompt manner.

2. **Application** – Students need to ensure that they are diligent in the completion of both their class and homework.

3. **Punctuality** – Students need to ensure that they are on time to the College each morning, that they move between classes in a timely fashion and that they arrive to classes from breaks on time.

4. **Behaviour** – Student behaviour needs to be co-operative and respectful in how they treat both each other and staff. Students are reminded that at all times they should keep their hands and feet to themselves.

**Working Bee – Community Service**

Students are encouraged to attend the Term 4 Working Bee on Saturday, 22 November. This is a great opportunity to serve in a small way and make a contribution to the development of community within our College. It is an event where a small contribution of time from a collective group of people can make a significant impact on keeping our College looking good.

Students are asked to reflect on their involvement in Community Service in 2014 and take a step toward increased involvement by attending this Saturday. Students who have Saturday detentions, are reminded to ensure that they report to the Flynn building at 9.00 am to serve their detention.

Mrs Lisa Rockwell
Acting Director of Pastoral Care T-12

**Pastoral Care Matters**

**SRC** - Students in Years 5-11 have had the opportunity to sign-up to represent their houses in the upcoming SRC competitions. Each round of the competition will be held in the playground, under the sails at lunchtimes on Friday.

This week the competition will be a handball competition. All nominees should make sure that they are present at the beginning of lunch time to hear the rules, and nominee names will be randomly selected at this time. Two Middle and two Senior students will represent their house in each event.

Next week will be a Pictionary Competition, and the following week will be a Spelling Bee.

**Christmas Performances** - This week our Year 9 Drama class visited Colo Vale and Mittagong Primary schools to share the Christian message of Christmas with their SRE classes.

The students involved had a blast, and both audiences were highly engaged with the storyline. This year we told a "Frozen Christmas Story". The message was about the right way to celebrate Christmas being to celebrate Jesus - Jesus Is The Way! We also gave all of the children a small gift to remind them of this message.

We are so thankful for this opportunity.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Acting Director of Pastoral Care (Years 9-12)
Mark your diaries!

Stage 2 Excursion (Tomorrow)
Stage 2 will be heading to Old Government House Parramatta and James Ruse Experiment Farm Cottage at Harris Park on tomorrow **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.

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

Speech Afternoon (K-2)
*Roll up! Roll up!* K-2 are having a speech afternoon! Speakers have been chosen from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 to share their amazing speeches with students and special visitors!

When: **Tuesday, 25 November** 1.40 pm,
Where: Flynn Amphitheatre.

Come along and hear our wonderful speakers share interesting and informative speeches.

*Mrs Rebecca Napier (Kindergarten Teacher)*

Primary Performance Afternoon
On **Friday, 28 November** we will be having our Annual Primary Performance afternoon in the Warne Auditorium. Mr Houweling’s Drama group will be performing a short play.

Other performances will be from the tutor groups that students are involved in. All parents are welcome to attend this event, which promises to be a very entertaining afternoon.

Stage 1 Excursion
Stage 1 are very excited to be travelling to Wollongong Science Centre and Planetarium on **Monday, 8 December 2014**. This is to complement their work over the year involving planets, the properties of materials and scientific investigation.

The Wollongong Science Centre and Planetarium is run by the University of Wollongong and is located on the university’s innovation campus. It has a number of exhibits, including a planetarium where students can discover the solar system in a visually exciting full-dome production. [http://sciencecentre.uow.edu.au/](http://sciencecentre.uow.edu.au/)

Notes will be handed out to students on **Thursday, 27 November**.

Stage 1 Teachers

Christmas Chapel (T-4)
**SAVE THE DATE:** That time of year is upon us when we celebrate the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Junior School Christmas Chapel will be on **Thursday, 11 December** at 9.00 am in the Warne Auditorium.

You are all welcome to attend!

Chapel Team
SECONDARY SPORT

A HUGE congratulations goes out to Ray Stone of Year 11 who has been selected in the Australian Schoolboys Rugby League Team that will tour England. This is a massive achievement considering Ray is a year young. We wish him all the very best.

This week in MISA we had mixed results. The Boys' volleyball continued their unbeaten run and will make the Grand Final.

Next week in MISA Tuesday, 25 November.
We play Mount Carmel High School
Oztag (Years 7 - 9 Girls & Boys) – Victoria Park, Minto
Volleyball (Years 10 -11 Girls & Boys) – Mount Carmel High School
Cricket (Year 7 and Years 8 & 9) – Raby Oval, Raby

Mr Richard Madden
Secondary Sports Coordinator

PRIMARY SPORT

Congratulations to the Junior Cricket Team who made it through to the IPSSO finals yesterday. Although we weren't successful, in making the Grand Finals it was a great achievement for such a young team with many not having played before this year.

Please remember that hats and sun protection are important. All children should have a water bottle to all sporting activities.

The swimming program is continuing next week.

Advanced notice: On the last Wednesday for sport, Years 3 to 6 children will be going to the Wollondilly Leisure Centre for an end of year swim and celebration. A note will be distributed next week.

Mr Stuart McIntosh
Primary Sports Coordinator

WORKING BEE INVITE

The last Working Bee for the year is on Saturday, 22 November from 8.00 am and it would be great if you could come and help us knock over some of the jobs which need completing.

- The garden in front of the Admin building as well as the rose garden needs cleaning up.
- The gardens around Flynn need a lot of work under the direction of Mrs Rollason
- The Gardens around the College can be tidied up.
- Mr Rollason will have his front end loader onsite to load mulch onto utes and then added to the gardens.
- The College carpark gutters can be swept or blown using the College back pack blower to rid them of leaves which can then be put on the gardens as compost.
- Rubbish can be picked up around the College field as well as other areas
- There are lots of books to cover in Flynn 2 across the bridge from 9.00 am

Between now and then there could be more jobs found that need attending to, so don’t forget as we only have a limited supply of gardening tools and equipment, it is important that you bring your own gardening tools, gloves and anything else you think might help on the day.

Come along on the day and enjoy the company of others while working to make our College shine for our end-of-year events.

As always 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 tools and smiles with the intention of enjoying yourselves on the day.

Mr Schroder
Property Manager
**NATIONAL CRYSTAL GROWING SUCCESS**

Earlier this year, Hunter Murrin (Year 6) and Shailyn Nianos (Year 5) came 1st and 3rd respectively in the state in the NSW Crystal Growing competition. Their crystals were then entered in the National Crystal Growing Competition. Congratulations to Hunter who was awarded **1st Place in Australia for the Primary School category** – a truly outstanding achievement!!

![Hunter Murrin and Shailyn Nianos](image)

**ABORIGINAL SUMMER SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE IN TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE (ASSETS)**

Congratulations to Bethany Wadling (11), who has been selected as one of 30 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from around Australia to come together in Adelaide this December to participate in the annual Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science (ASSETS).

Funded by the BHP Billiton Foundation and managed by CSIRO, the ASSETS program will be presented by the University of South Australia, the University of Adelaide and the Australian Science and Mathematics School, and is aimed at increasing the participation and achievement of Indigenous students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The 10 day summer school provides a unique academic and cultural experience for high-achieving Year 10 and 11 students.

**YEAR 7 2015 REMINDER**

A reminder for all parents of students entering Year 7 in 2015 to please complete the Music survey emailed to them. If the College does not have your correct email address could you please contact the Office to update your details so that we can email you the link to the survey. The survey will influence the class that your child goes into for Music, Visual Art and TAS for 2015.

**Mr Simon Denley**
Music Coordinator

**NSW POLICE BAND**

Next **Thursday, 27 November**, the NSW Police Band is visiting Wollondilly to provide a workshop for the students in the College Band and present a concert for students of Years 5 - 8 and elective Music students.

This event will be a highlight for the students in the band this year, particularly when the NSW Police Band only provide limited days throughout the year to go to schools across NSW. Students from Thomas Hassall Band will also attend and participate in the workshop.

**Mr Lloyd Grant**
Music Teacher
**ICAS COMPETITION HONOURS**

Earlier this year, **Murray Jobbins (Year 9) and Jason Davies (Year 9)** received High Distinctions for Science and English Competitions respectively.

In addition, both students have now been invited along with the College Headmaster to a special Ceremony in Sydney, next week to receive a **High Achiever's Medals** - the highest accolade for these competitions.

Both students are to be congratulated on this fine achievement.

Dr Andrew Eaton
Science Coordinator

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**MUSICAL AUDITIONS**

Students may still sign-up to be part of the show before the auditions by writing their name on the sign-up sheet on the window of Mr Denley's Melba office.

Musical Auditions will commence next week for 2015 Secondary students. Students should prepare a song, and will be asked to perform an improvisation.

On **Wednesday, 26 November** students in Years 10 and 11 in 2015 will Audition in Melba 1 at lunchtime.

On **Thursday, 27 November** students in Years 7, 8 and 9 in 2015 will audition in Melba 4 at lunchtime.

Call back will happen on Wednesday of Week 9 in Melba 1 at lunchtime.

**Primary students do not need to audition.**

Mrs Sarah Talbot

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**Canteen Roster**

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**RED DAY**

Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy!

Mrs Carolyn Richards
It was a beautiful morning as Lianne Williams and Fred Schroder set up the course. A light breeze kept the temperature perfect for our last P&F fundraiser of the year.

By 7.30 am Rob Meischke and Lianne had the BBQ sizzling while Rhonda Hay registered nine hungry teams. Colleen Maihi, Kirsten King and Jacqui Grima headed out to the drinks stops in preparation for the thirsty golfers. Competition was close.

Congratulations to Warren Dyer, Ross Maclean and John Maclean the overall winners. Then it was back to the club house for a delicious lunch. Thanks to Phil Costa, MC extraordinaire and the brave Jack Chalmers for boldly judging the best in field competition. There were plenty of prizes made possible by the hard work of Karen Johnson and our very generous sponsors.

Golf Day raised over $2000.00 towards College equipment. A final thanks to all the players who participated, the College Office staff for their support in organising the day and volunteering to help on the day.

The Golf Day Coordinator, Pam Egan did a sterling job in making the whole day happen. She was rushed to hospital the day before and it is testament to her planning and preparations that the day was such a great success in her absence. Get well soon Pam and we look forward to next year's 10 year Anniversary Golf Day!

Mrs Danielle Turner
P&F President

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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

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

Kiah Ridge Christian Conference Centre - Located on 170 acres at Tahmoor, is running a holiday camp from 12 – 16 January 2015 for those going into Years 4 – 8 next year. Registration is just $279.00 for five days including all meals, accommodation and activities. For more information, and to register and pay online, visit www.kiahridge.org.au or phone 4683 1111. Kiah Ridge is an activity of NSW/ACT Baptist Churches.

AWAKEN ADVENTURE THIS SUMMER CRU Camps are running 27 Christian camps for kids in Years K-12 in the summer holidays. Activities include: water-skiing, sailing, laser tag, theme nights, abseiling, dirt-biking, rock climbing, craft, waterparks, beach days, HSC study camps, new friends, Bible talks & more! For a free brochure or to register visit crucamps.com.au or call (02) 9874 8933 (option 1). ‘CRU Camps’ is a division of the Crusader Union of Australia which has 80+ years’ experience running safe, Christian camps for kids.

Picton Rangers Football Club: 2015 pre-rego day, Saturday, 29 November 10.00 - 12.00 noon. Information day for all ages from under 6 through to over 35’s. For more information please email pictonfc@gmail.com

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.

WOLLY COLOURING IN COMPETITION -

Year 6: April Ainsworth
Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

One of the most amazing things about Christmas is celebrating the birth of a child who was special on so many ways. His mother was a virgin, so his human existence was a miracle. He would also be fully God, which is why the word Immanuel is used. It simply means "God with us". I know we think any child is special, but this is a whole new level that has captivated people for more than 2000 years. No wonder we sing about it.
Shhhhhh … This week’s Pretend Headmasters Kaitlyn Williams & Hannah Reynolds (KS) raid the Lolly Jar whilst occupying the big chair this week!

Prayer Points

Thank God

- That he has seen fit to bless us so abundantly with quality staff.
- For continued safety on Stage 7 of the building program and for the early signs of positive progress for Stage 8.
- That, like any parent, He sees us for what we are – and loves us anyway

Ask God

- That we will always remember ourselves as blessed – and not lucky
- That the meaning of Christmas will not be lost behind the veil of tinsel and trinkets.
- For a continued sense of community during the end of year celebrations.

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.