Looking forward and looking back

Given the interest that the new construction has generated for passing traffic, I was not surprised to be asked to put together a press release for the local newspaper. My first reaction at such a lovely time was similar to that one you have when you unpack a rancid tuna sandwich – but the opportunity to reflect, as is often the case when one is forced to take stock and be thankful, overcame the first reaction – it was too good to turn down. We are part of writing history and ours is a very exciting chapter -

Unprecedented demand for places at the College this year has seen the construction of the long-awaited Administration Complex and Hospitality Training Centre, a 4 million dollar project that was achieved through generous contributions from the Commonwealth Government, local fundraising and benefactors. Growth has shown no indication of abatement over the next few years as plans are well underway for another $4 million project over two years with the construction of a fifth education Resource Centre in a new English Complex, accompanied by a Creative and Performing Arts Centre. The College has acquired more land and now has a 35 hectare footprint with work commencing on a new master plan for the future.

Through the efforts of staff and students, the College was pleased to be placed in the top 200 schools for HSC results. Outstanding results were achieved across a number of academic disciplines and news has just been received that two students from the class of 2014 have been nominated for the prestigious Annual Exhibition of Outstanding Major Design Projects for display in the Sydney exhibition. The College musical, ‘Beauty and the Beast’, was performed over 4 nights to sold-out crowds.

Primary student, Hunter Murrin was judged to be National winner of the Primary Division of the Crystal Growing Competition. We were also pleased to hear that Year 11 student, Ray Stone was selected to represent Australia in the School Boys’ Rugby League team and will see out the end of 2014 touring England and France with his teammates. Congratulations Ray. Congratulations are also due to the Primary debating team who finished runner-up in NSW for the very competitive Co-Educational Independent Schools state-wide competition.

Enrolment applications are now being accepted for 2016. (There are also limited places available for 2015). Enrolment information at www.wac.nsw.edu.au/enrolments

So, that’s it. Press release complete; back to work. There are Transition Graduations, Year 6 Progress Dinners, Formal Assemblies, Building Site Meetings, Planning meetings or Stage 8, Presentation Nights, Staffing recruitment and Student enrolment interviews to attend to: This is seriously good fun!!

Praise God!!
SCHOLARSHIPS

As the end of the year draws near, please remember that the closing date for scholarships falls early in Term 1, 2015. As such, I recommend you commence your scholarship application before Christmas to avoid having to complete the application during the rush of the start of term, or worse, forgetting to apply altogether.

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 two year 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.

Mrs Christine Mozejko
Development Manager

MESSAGES FROM THE COLLEGE OFFICE

Afternoon messages to Students
We are currently experiencing difficulties in the afternoon with a last minute influx of phone calls just on bell time with requests to get messages to students about where to meet parents, or that parents are running late etc.

As we are reluctant to use the PA system to interrupt classes, our Office staff need to physically run messages to classrooms, or particular classes have to be found, all at the last minute. We are a scattered campus and there are now over 750 students here.

Parents can you please assist us by having a back-up plan for your children.

It is not always possible to get the message to students in time. Or, if you must get a message through, please phone the College Office prior to 1.30 pm.

Award Recipients for Upcoming Events
Please note that the parents of students receiving an Award at the Junior, Middle and Senior Formal Assemblies have been notified by email.

Junior, Middle and Senior Presentation Nights are compulsory attendance events at the College.

Those receiving Awards at the Junior, Middle and Senior Presentation Evenings will be notified by letter through the mail.

MUSICAL

After a necessary delay, auditions for students are now complete. The cast list will be posted as quickly as possible.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Musical Director

YEAR 7 PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

Earlier this term, I published an article about the possibility of Year 7 participating in educational research. This was accompanied by an email. In order to participate, students need to return hard copies of the two consent forms to me by Wednesday, 10 December. Alternatively, the forms can be completed online at http://asep.une.edu.au/register. Your school access code is 8432.
Secondary Student Class Changes – Grace, Faith and Hope

Parents are reminded that class memberships change from year to year. These changes are based on a student’s academic performance and on pastoral care issues.

Please note that a student’s ongoing placement in the Grace class (e.g. Year 7 into 8) isn’t guaranteed. It is based on a student’s academic performance and the academic record of new students who are enrolled at the College.

In 2015 Year 7, placement in the Grace class is based on academic performance. The Faith and Hope classes will be of mixed ability and based on pastoral care factors. Students will remain in their group for most lessons, except for Creative Arts and Mandatory Technology.

Year 8 Classes are based on Academic performance for English, Mathematics and Science. English and Mathematics will be designated as 1, 2 and 3. In other words, a student in 8 English-1 won’t necessarily be in 8 Maths-1 and vice-versa. Science and all other subjects, except Creative Arts and Mandatory Technology, will be based on Grace, Faith and Hope. Grace membership will be based on Science results, Faith and Hope will be mixed ability.

Years 9 and 10 students will be allocated to English, Mathematics and Science on their academic performance. English and Mathematics will be designated as 1, 2 and 3. Science and all other subjects, except the Electives, will be based on Grace, Faith and Hope. Grace membership will be based on Science results, Faith and Hope will be mixed ability.

Awards

Parents please be aware that to meet the deadlines for reports, assemblies and presentation nights, the cut-off date for awards was Monday, 17 November. This means that students can still receive a Merit card for Academic Effort and Achievement, College Contribution, Sport and Service after this date, however, they may not appear on your child’s Semester 2 College Report and they will not count in the tally to higher awards.

We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Last Day of Term

The arrangements for the completion of the term are outlined below.

- Years 10 and 11 will finish the Year on Wednesday, 10 December.
- Transition – Year 9 will finish on Thursday, 11 December

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster

SECONDARY HOMEWORK CLUB

Please note that the final session for Homework Club this year was Wednesday, 3 December (Week 9).

We will not be meeting during Week 10. Students involved are commended on their regular attendance and interest in improving study habits.

We look forward to supporting many more students in 2015.

Mrs Emily Madden
Homework Club Supervisor

Kwik Kopy Macarthur
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Unit 13, 5 Hollylea Road, Leumeah
sales@kwikkopymacarthur.com.au
Mufti Day
On Thursday, 11 December the College will have a Mufti Day for students in T-9. This is an SRC initiative to raise funds to support CASHM. The Campbelltown Area High School Ministry is a local organisation that endeavours to place scripture teachers in every high school in the Campbelltown area.

This will be collected in Roll Call starting in the previous week. All students are encouraged to give generously. Students in Years 5-9 will be attending Picton Pool on this day so appropriate swimming clothing, towel and a hat are all required to participate. Further information on this day will be made available in the next newsletter.

Dress Standards for Mufti Day
- The normal College expectations apply to hair and jewellery.
- Students must wear enclosed shoes – no thongs or sandals
- Singlet tops or tops showing exposed mid riffs are also excluded
- Clothing worn should not have slogans with inappropriate language or messages.
- Shorts - leg length should be at least to mid-thigh

Students have been warned that if they don’t comply with these rules, they may be sent home or withdrawn from the day’s activities.

Students also need to have completed all outstanding detentions before this date so they can attend the last day’s activities. Any uncompleted detentions will be served back at the College whilst other students attend the pools.

NEW SOCKS!
In 2015 the College will be phasing in new socks for Transition, Sport/PDHPE and girls K-12 summer uniform. The College is currently negotiating with Lowes for the new socks to be available in 2015. Currently students are able to purchase and wear plain white anklet socks.

**Sport Sock** – Available to buy at Lowes from Mid December. The sock is white with single black and green stripes around the top. Students from T-12 will be able to wear these throughout first term and they will be compulsory for all Sport/PDHPE from the beginning of Term 2 allowing for a term’s “phasing in”.

**Transition** – Available Mid December and able to be worn throughout Term 1 and becoming compulsory by Term 2. Same as College sport sock above.

**Girls’ K-10 Summer** – Available to purchase sometime early next year. White sock with plain bottle green stripe around the top. Compulsory by Term 4.

**Girls’ 11/12 Summer** - Available to purchase sometime early next year. White sock with black stripe around the top. Compulsory by Term 4.

By the end of 2015 all above socks would have been phased into our usual uniform guidelines.

**School Shoes**
Parents are reminded when purchasing plain black leather school shoes for the new College year that flat soft shoes are not allowed and have never been allowed. This situation has not changed.

We have had an increasing number of students buying the wrong shoes throughout this year and they have been spoken to about this and informed that when purchasing for 2015 that they will not be allowed. Can parents please pay attention to below pictures of what is permissible and what is not to avoid disappointment and a double purchase in the new year.

![Yes](image1.png) ![No](image2.png)
CYBERSAFETY
After attending a forum on cyber safety last week ran by ESmart schools it was brought to my attention that many students in NSW schools are using Social Media sites that are inappropriate for their age level (this was not a new revelation). Cybersafety expert and ex-police officer Susan McLean deals with many critical incidents within school settings and has asked that parents be vigilant with their child’s internet usage.

Of particular concern to her has been the site Kik which requires a minimum age of 17 years to join. The major concern for this site is that there is no regulation of its uses and complete strangers are able to access student accounts and misuse its content (plus they can’t spell).

As a personal comment, it has been disappointing over the last couple of years that I constantly deal with students on this site with students as young as early primary school. When asked to sign in it clearly asks the user to tick a box saying that they are older than 17. Would we in any other setting allow our children to pretend they were 17 and allow the world access to them based on this presumption?! There are many other regulated social media sites that offer the same uses as Kik that are better regulated, could parents please be vigilant in helping their child choose appropriate age related sites.

Mrs Lisa Rockwell
Acting Director of Pastoral Care T-12

SRC STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The SRC competitions continue to be a big success. This week's Pictionary competition was won by Aca-cia, with Sollya taking 2nd place and Wollemi taking 3rd. Congratulations to all competitors.

The next and final competition is for students in Years 5-11. It will be a spelling competition. All competi-tors will stand in a circle and, when a word is given, they must each provide the next letter of the word. Last student standing wins! Instead of drawing names from a hat, we will allow all volunteers to compete for their house. Students who would like to be involved should meet the SRC under the Sails at lunchtime on Friday.

The SRC has visited our Primary students, and will continue to do so until the end of Term. On Wednes-day they played some structured games in the playground at lunchtime (What's The Time Mr Wolf etc). On Thursday they played some music for students in Years 3 and 4, and played handball with stu-dents. The Junior students loved this. Stay tuned next week for some pictures!

For now, enjoy these pictures of the Pictionary competition.

SRC student are invited to a lunch to be held in FLOWERS cafeteria this Monday at lunchtime (in lieu of our regular SRC meeting).

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Acting Pastoral Care Coordinator 9-12, Year 11 Patron, Secondary Teacher (English, Drama, History)
**CHRISTMAS CHAPEL**

Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus as the T-4 students sing their way through the Christmas story. This has been a highlight each year and is shaping up to be our best CELEBRATION yet.

Come and get your seat in the Warne Auditorium by 9.00 am Thursday, 11 December. Hope to see you all there.

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**BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD SUCCESS**

Each year the top students in the country compete in the four Science Olympiad examinations - Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Earth & Environmental Science. These examinations are usually set at a university level to challenge these talented students.

Laura Fleming has received a Credit in the Biology Olympiad examination. This is a tremendous achievement.

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**FORENSICS WORKSHOP FOR YEARS 9 AND 10**
JUNIOR FORMAL ASSEMBLY

TEMBO GRADUATION
NEWS FROM THE INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRES:

Return of books- Important dates:

- **Home Readers**: Borrowing will continue until Friday, 5 December. All home readers will be due back by Monday, 8 December.

- **Textbooks- Years 7-10**: All textbooks should have been returned to the College. A letter will be sent home next week for any outstanding texts or library books.

- **Year 12**: Students do not need to return any textbooks. You may also borrow any library books you need for study for the Christmas break.

**Scholastic Book Club**: All books have been handed out to the children. If there are any problems with the order please let me know urgently so it can be finalised before the end of the College year.

**Contact**: Orders have been placed and will be available next week from the front office.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge Certificates**: All the PRC certificates have been printed and will be handed out over the next couple of weeks during assemblies. Congratulations to all the Primary students from Years 3-6 who completed their PRC certificates.

**Christmas in the Library**: Students have been having a lovely time making their Christmas craft in the Library. There have been some very imaginative creations.

Live a life well read
Mrs Saint-John (IRC Coordinator)
SECONDARY SPORT

In MISA this week both cricket teams had fantastic wins. The boys’ Oztag also had a convincing win and the girls’ Oztag team had a hard fought draw.

Permission notes for students from Years 5-9 attending the pool on the last day of Term were given out last week. They are due back to Roll Call teachers no later than Friday, 5 December (tomorrow).

Regarding the pool for secondary students, for various reasons some students have been unable to participate in swimming as part of their normal sports rotation. Allowances will be made accordingly for those students who haven’t been able to swim, not to swim on the last day, but attend the pool with the other students.

Mr Richard Madden
Secondary Sports Coordinator

PRIMARY SPORT

We are all looking forward to next week's end of sport celebration. All of the children will be going to Wollondilly Leisure Centre for the annual swim. Notes have been handed out and all are due to your child's teacher by Monday.

Please remember sun protection - hats, sunscreen and rash vests. Girls are required to wear one piece swimmers. This will be the final primary sports report for 2014. I wish all families a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing break.

Mr Stuart McIntosh
Primary Sports Coordinator

VALE MR JOHN LAMBERT

We received the news that Mr John Lambert passed away this week Mr Lambert was a great friend of the College and a great personal mentor and friend to Dr Quarmby - particularly in our early days.

Today he is with Jesus.
Pictured below is Kathren Konzen and students with some of the items purchased with the funds raised by the P&F in 2014. An enclosed trailer and portable stage lights.

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES**

**C3 Wollondilly**
(Unit 12, 15 Henry Street, Picton)
- Christmas Eve Service  6.00 pm - 7.00 pm (Wollondilly combined service)

**C3 Bowral**
(1/347 - 349 Bong Bong St, Bowral)
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day Service  9.00 am

**Camden Uniting Church**
(Cnr John and Mitchell Street, Camden)
- Christmas Eve
- Family Service at Camden Town Farm  7.00 pm
- Evening Service at Camden Uniting Church  11.00 pm

- Christmas Day
- Morning Service  8.30 am

**Wollondilly Presbyterian**
(Progress Street, Tahmoor)
- Christmas Day
- Christmas Morning  9.15 am

**Camden Presbyterian Church**
(42 John Street, Camden)
- Christmas Day Service  9.00 am and 10.30 am

**St Judes Anglican Church Bowral**
(34 Bendooley St, Bowral)
- Christmas Eve
- Children’s Christmas Eve Presentation  6.00 pm
- Holy Communion  11.00 pm

**Christmas Day**
- Holy Communion  8.00 am
- Family Service, at Bowral Public School Hall  9.00 am
- Holy Communion  10.00 am

**Buxton Community Church**
(6 West Parade, Buxton)
- Christmas Eve
- Children’s service  6.30 pm (followed by sausage sizzle)

- Christmas Day
- Morning Service  9.30 am

**Wollondilly Anglican College Church**
(held at the College)
- Christmas Day
- Christmas Morning  9.00 am

**Tahmoor Baptist Church**
- Christmas Day
- Christmas Morning  9.00 am

**Rosemeadow /Appin Anglican Churches**
- Christmas Eve
- Family Christmas Eve Service (Rosemeadow)  6.00 pm

- Christmas Day
- Christmas Morning Service (St Mark’s Appin)  8.30 am
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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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www.caringcountryvets.com
New Loyalty Program for Pets!
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.

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

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.

Campbelltown Pet & Aquarium Centre: Will be holding its 18th Annual ‘Pet Photo With Santa’. This is a fun day with $1.00 from every photo donated to the RSPCA. DATES Saturday, 6 - Sunday, 7 December and Saturday, 13 - Sunday, 14 December. COST $10.00 each or 4 for $30.00. Bookings Essential - 46 251 838

Bunnings Mittagong Christmas Family Night: Thursday, 4 December 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm. Bring the family along for a great night of fun, workshops, gift wrapping and meet Santa!

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.

Please note the second Red Day for Term 4 is Wednesday, 10 December.

Canteen Roster

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Please be aware that by Wednesday and Thursday of Week 10 there will be extremely limited stock in the canteen.

Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy!

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

A star will come out of Jacob; a sceptre will rise out of Israel. Numbers 24:17

This prophecy happened more than 1200 years before the birth of Jesus, and even long before Israel started having any kings. What’s wonderful is that this simple statement, made by God through an enemy, would bring the star and the King together. The Magi from the East picked up on this when they made their way to Bethlehem, looking for the King whose star they had seen. And, when they found him, they worshipped.
Prayer Points from Wollondilly Anglican Church

Thank God

- For the great partnership we have with the local churches in the area.

Ask God

- For our local churches to continue to grow and flourish. In particular for our local Wollondilly Anglican churches in 2015 please pray for:
  - Rev Kevin & Karen Flanagan, Rev Robert & Miriam Meischke (AM&RFS Chaplain), former student - Katie Flanagan (Y13), former student - David Wales (MTS), Eileen Bicknell (SRE), Carolyn Walton, Naomi Touzel, and Rae Dutton:
  - Also, Give thanks to God for the many opportunities in local churches to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ over the Christmas period. Please pray that God would grow the seeds that are sown over this period.
  - Pray for those serving the Lord in various ministries over January (Beach Mission, CMS SS children’s & youth teams, Kiah Ridge holiday camp etc). Pray that their ministry will be fruitful. Ask God’s abundant blessing on the start on of a new Junior Youth group in 2015.
  - And, pray for God’s blessings on the Men’s Camp (20-22 February) and the WACC Retreat (13-15 March).
  - Pray for the election of wise and godly men and women at our AGMs.

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

_Excellence, Endurance, Eternity._

‘Deck the Halls with boughs of holly’
This week’s Pretend Headmasters Angela Xuereb (KS) and Lachlan Waites (KC) get into the festive mood and start to decorate the Headmaster’s office!