The Waratah Weekly

You’re a Shining Star - No Matter Who You Are

From the Acting Senior Coordinator

Who are you?

One of the questions that keeps popping up for teenagers is, “what do you want to do when you finish at the College?” At first it seems like that question is pretty unfair. How can you be expected to look into the future and know what you will want to do then?

If you can’t answer “that” question, you need to know that it really just doesn’t matter. It doesn’t matter because what you want to be is far less important than who you want to be.

I’m sure you’re all aware that Phil Hughes, an Australian cricketer, recently passed away after receiving a fatal injury whilst he was playing cricket for South Australia. Hughes had a goal. He wanted to be one of Australia’s cricketing greats. He worked hard, and he had some pretty significant career achievements, but these alone never put him into the league of a “cricketing great”. And yet, he was pretty great. Michael Clarke is the Australian Cricket Captain, and he wrote a tribute to his mate Phil Hughes. Clearly, Clarke praised Hughes’ skill on the cricket field. You do have to be pretty good to represent your country. But read how else Clarke describes Hughes;

"His cricketing achievements -- of which there were many -- really play second fiddle to the human qualities that he exhibited - Loyal to a fault, eternally optimistic, kind-hearted, wicked sense of humour, a child-like verve for life. I don’t think in 12 years of playing cricket at the top level I have ever come across a more loyal or generous-hearted teammate. Whenever Hughes suffered adversity, (if he was replaced in the team or if he wasn’t scoring as many runs as he wanted) he never dropped his head; never once complained. If he had a tough conversation with a selector he would nod, agree he needed to work harder, grin because he felt bad for the person delivering the message and then get on with it. His legacy of trying to improve each and every day will drive us for the rest of our lives. Phil Hughes’ will be remembered for his loyalty, his optimism, his sense of humour, his compassion and his never quit attitude”.

Hughes had it right. It is all well and good to have a goal, but what made him great was the little decisions he made every day to establish who he was. That time he decided to stand up for his mate, the time when he lifted the spirits of a deflated team, the time when he wanted to cry out in anger when given bad news and instead chose to smile so that the person delivering it wouldn’t feel too bad. He knew who he was, and who he wanted to be.

Who do you want to be? Do you want to be known and remembered as quick-tempered, lazy and untrustworthy OR do you want people to think of you as patient, hard-working and having integrity? If you don’t have a goal, it can be hard to make choices. However, if you consider WHO you want to be rather than WHAT you want to be, the picture becomes much clearer. God himself gave us a clear picture of who we should try to be in his son, Jesus. Jesus, it tells us in Isaiah, did not look like the greatest leader the world has ever seen, and yet he was. In his life-time he demonstrated characteristics that we should try to develop in our own lives. What decisions can you make today to help you become more loving, more peaceful, more patient, kinder, good, more faithful, more gentle and more in control of yourself?

When people ask you THAT question, don’t roll your eyes and groan. Talk to them instead about who you want to be. They are asking because they care about you. They are asking because they want to know if they can help you. Tell them about who you want to be so that they can challenge you when you get it wrong, and support you to get it right.

Rest in Peace Phillip Hughes: 1988 - 2014
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

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

We would love to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy and Safe Christmas.
Our College Office hours will be as follows;

- Business days until Tuesday, 23 December 2014: 8.30 am - 4.00 pm
- CLOSED: Wednesday, 24 December 2014 until Friday, 2 January 2015
- Re-opening: Monday, 5 January 2015: 8.30 am - 4.00 pm
- Monday, 26 January 2015: CLOSED for Australia Day
- Tuesday, 27 January: Business as usual.

Music's hall-of-fame added an anonymous young lady in 1877. Penning a waltz under the pseudonym Arthur de Lulli, Euphemia Allen prescribed an unusual method of performance. Her waltz was not to be played with the ten fingers. Instead, the two-part harmony was played with fingers together. Palms faced each other; and the piano keys were only hit by the down-facing sides of the smallest finger. The keys were to be struck in a chopping motion. Today this waltz is known as 'chopsticks'.

Seeping thoroughly across western society 'chopsticks' has become a native tune. We've grown with it and smiled at it countless times. Even 'musical luddites' (such as I) recognise the simple beat.

But familiarity breeds contempt; the original intent and uniqueness is lost.

The Chop Waltz is notorious for its light-hearted nature. It has become a cartoon ditty, or the music of the incompetent - ‘the song people play when they don’t know how to play piano’ – but this was never the original intention. The chop waltz is still that - a waltz, indicating sophistication. It is a melody devoted to dancing couples, not to a mindless cartoon.

Can you see the difference between chopsticks, and the waltz? Can you see the contemporary parallel?

Similarly a diminished, widespread misunderstanding pervades Christmas.

The truth of God's descent to earth is now diluted to obscurity.

The difference between yesterday's nativity and today's Christmas only multiplies the gap between today's cartooned chopsticks and yesterday's ballroom waltz, for:

- the manger is shaded by marketing,
- a babe is blanketed by Babylon and
- celebrations are now the end in themselves.

Christmas is now a celebration lived between the creator's intent and how the world thinks.

As chopsticks is unique to the pianist's hands, the birth of Christ is eternally more unique to the Christian's heart.

Rev Geoff Taylor

making sense of life
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 (eg Year 7 into 8) isn’t guaranteed. It is based on a student’s academic performance and the quality 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.

**Term One 2015**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 27 January</td>
<td>Professional Development Senior Staff and New Staff</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 28 January</td>
<td>Professional Development Day – All Staff</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 29 January</td>
<td>First Day Toto, Kindergarten, Years 7, 11 and 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 30 January</td>
<td>All Students</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Mr Ian Croger**  
Deputy Headmaster

---

**Year 10**

Year 10 enjoyed a special afternoon of celebration to mark their transition into the Collegiate years. Thank you to Mrs Rigg, Mr Russell, Dr Berlin, Mr Goldsborough and Mrs Talbot for their assistance.
**Pastoral Care Matters**

**Preparation for 2015**
To ensure that students are best prepared for the transition back to the College in 2015 all students and parents are advised to ensure that all aspects of College uniform are purchased during the break and are both in line with our guidelines in all areas:

**Reminders:**
- Students will return in full Summer Uniform.
- Students should return with appropriate haircuts and without hair that has been altered in colour as per our guidelines.
- Skirt length of Girls in Kindergarten -Year 12 may need to be checked prior to return to ensure that it is below the knee for both variations of the skirt.
- A small number of students have had to be spoken to about the type of school shoe that is acceptable at the College. Black jogger style shoes or skate black flat shoes with clear soles are not acceptable. Shoes need to be black, polishable, leather, flat heeled, lace-up school shoes. Please ask for clarification if unsure prior to purchase.
- Sport shoes need to be predominantly white joggers (running shoes), appropriate for physical activity in PDHPE and Sport. Students have been spoken to about plain white canvas or skater type shoes, these are not appropriate.
- Please check the condition of your child’s College hat during the break as it may need to be replaced if it is in poor condition.
- For boys, a plain black leather belt is necessary and must be worn daily.
- Holiday periods are also a time where students can make poor decisions about piercings. The College has very clear guidelines. Students are encouraged to make decisions that ensure that they remain compliant in this area.

In 2015 the College will be introducing a College sock for Sport and to be worn by Girls as part of their Summer Uniform. These socks will be available early Term 1 and will be compulsory for all girls with their summer uniform in Term 4. The sport socks will be available at Lowes in January and will be able to be worn in Term 1 and will be compulsory by day 1 Term 2.

Mrs Lisa Rockwell
Acting Director or Pastoral Care (T-12)

**SRC**

The SRC enjoyed a celebratory lunch at the end of term to mark the end of their year’s service to the College student body. They are already bursting with ideas for the new year. As promised, here are the photos of our SRC playing games with our junior students.

The Spelling Bee competition (held last Friday) was won by Gabby Apps (Year 10, Sollya) with second place going to John Talbot (Year 6, Sollya) and third to Haydn Urquhart (Year 8, Sollya). The points accumulated by all competitors in the SRC competition were added to the House Shield competition. Points raised from these events were as follows; Wollemi 54, Sollya 53, Acacia 44, Telopea 26, Grevillea 21

Well done Wollemi!

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Pastoral Care (Year 9 – 12)
**MUSIC**

Congratulations to the following students on excellent results in their Music examinations:

April Ainsworth Year 6 a B (credit) for 2nd Grade Piano and Nina Winters Year 3 a B+ (credit) for Preliminary Grade Piano.

Congratulations also to Ethan Siedel who achieved 91% in his Grade 4 Trinity College (Rock n Pop) exam.

Mr Simon Denley
Creative Arts Coordinator

**AUF DEUTSCH Bitte!**

It is with great pleasure that I announce that next year’s tour to the German speaking countries of Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Germany will proceed as planned. In total 20 students will be travelling with Mrs Clark and Dr Quarmby for 3 weeks. Students are to be commended for the high quality of written reasons given for their inclusion in the tour. Some of their comments follow.

"I want to visit German-speaking Europe because of its cultural and large historical significance."

"I see this as a great opportunity to learn about Germany and German-speaking countries."

Mrs Carolyn Clark
German Teacher

**DESIGN an AD**

For the past four years students of Wollondilly Anglican College have participated in the Advertiser Fairfax Limited 'Design an Ad' art and graphic design competition.

Students are given a design brief for a local business and are asked to create an A5 advertisement without using a computer. The designs have to be made completely by hand using pencil, crayons, felt pens or any form of 2D art, other than digital graphics.

On Wednesday, 3 December Kirwen Murrin, Lily Wenman, their parents, Dr Quarmby and myself attended the awards evening at Glencore. Kirwen Murrin was award a first prize certificate, a medallion and a cheque for $800.00 for his highly skilled drawing advertisement for JJ Performance Smash Repairs. Lily Wenman was awarded second prize certificate, a medallion and a cheque for $350.00 for her highly skilled illustration for the Equine Veterinarian advertisement.

We would also like to thank the Wollondilly Advertiser for inviting us to take part in the competition and Glencore for sponsoring and supporting the local newspaper, local schools and other local businesses. The College was also blessed to receive a cheque for $500.00 for being the winning school. Without our students participating in the event this would not be possible. Thank you to all the students that participated in this years 'Design an Ad' competition. This is an annual graphic design competition and I hope you all give it another go next year.

Mrs Belinda Taylor
Secondary Art Teacher
Thanks For a Great Year.

2014 is rapidly drawing to an end. It has been a busy year as usual. I have loved working with students, parents and staff. I hope and pray that you all have a good break and come back enthusiastic and ready to continue the process of learning.

I am always thankful for the support of parents and love the partnership that we have at WAC. I look forward to continuing this next year.

The staff in T-6 are an amazing team who I appreciate every day. They are positive and work extremely hard.

Our wonderful students make us smile and keep us on our toes and this is fantastic. 2015 will, I am sure, be another year of great blessing

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

T-4 FINAL DAY ORGANISATION

Thursday, 11 December Organisation for the T-4 Students

To celebrate the Year that was, the Junior students will perform in the Christmas Chapel at 9.00 am. We hope to see you there!

After an earlier lunch they will be treated to a concert called "Move to the Music" commencing at 1.30 pm and concluding in time for the 2.30 pm dismissal.

SENIOR FORMAL ASSEMBLY
**YEAR 6 PROGRESS DINNER**

Last Friday, 6 December Year 6 celebrated the end of their primary years. The event was a great success.

The Auditorium was beautifully set up and the students were stunning and enjoyed their evening.

Many thanks go to all the parents who worked so hard. Thanks also to Sprouts Catering (David and Lianne Williams) for a lovely dinner.
On Thursday, 27 November, the NSW Police Band visited Wollondilly, providing both the WAC College Band and the Band of Thomas Hassall Anglican College with an hour long intensive workshop, based on repertoire that both the College Bands had been working on over the course of the year. The Police Band Music Director Mr John Saunders led the workshop, allowing at different points in the workshop, for the students to ask the members of the Police Band questions, both about the music they were working on and about what it is like to play in the Police Band.

At the conclusion of the workshop, students from Years 5-8 and elective Music students attended a concert where the Police Band performed both as a large ensemble and as smaller ensembles including their Wind Quintet, Jazz Band and Rock Band. They performed works dating back hundreds of years right through to the very popular piece of music from Frozen entitled “Let It Go”. The students were singing all the way through lunch.

It was a very enjoyable experience, not only for the students who attended the concert but particularly for the students in the College Band who got a lot out of the workshop and enjoyed conversing with the members of the Police Band.

Mr Lloyd Grant
Music Teacher
## CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Service Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>C3 Wollondilly</strong></td>
<td>Christmas Eve Service 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm (Wollondilly combined service)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>C3 Bowral</strong></td>
<td>Christmas Day Service 9.00 am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Camden Uniting Church</strong></td>
<td>Christmas Eve Family Service at Camden Town Farm 7.00 pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Evening Service at Camden Uniting Church 11.00 pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Wollondilly Presbyterian</strong></td>
<td>Christmas Day Christmas Morning 9.15 am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Camden Presbyterian Church</strong></td>
<td>Christmas Day Service 9.00 am and 10.30 am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tahmoor Uniting Church</strong></td>
<td>Christmas Day Service 8.00 am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>St Judes Anglican Church Bowral</strong></td>
<td>Christmas Eve Children's Christmas Eve Presentation 6.00 pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Holy Communion 11.00 pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Bowral</strong></td>
<td>Christmas Day Holy Communion 8.00 am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Family Service, at Bowral Public School Hall 9.00 am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Camden Uniting Church</strong></td>
<td>Christmas Eve Children’s service 6.30 pm (followed by sausage sizzle)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Buxton Community Church</strong></td>
<td>Christmas Day Morning Service 9.30 am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Wollondilly Anglican College Church</strong></td>
<td>Christmas Day Christmas Morning 9.00 am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tahmoor Baptist Church</strong></td>
<td>Christmas Day Christmas Morning 9.00 am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Rosemeadow/Appin Anglican Churches</strong></td>
<td>Christmas Eve Family Christmas Eve Service (Rosemeadow) 6.00 pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Christmas Day Christmas Morning Service (St Mark’s Appin) 8.30 am</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## WAC SPORTING CHAMPION!

Congratulations goes to Charli Sprague, who has had a fantastic year with Gymnastics. She has achieved the following in the Novice Division.

- Dubbo Team Gym Comp (June 2014) Gold Medal
- Picton Gymtastic Team Gym Comp (October 2014) Gold Medal
- Engadine TeamGym Comp (November 2014) Silver Medal
- Gymnastics NSW State Competition (December 2014) Silver Medal.
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.
THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS
(Remember to carefully read about the businesses who are supporting us).

Wall and Floor Tiles
Clay and Concrete Pavers
Natural Stone Tiles and Pavers
Retaining Walls
Synthetic Grass

Open 7 Days on the Old Hume Hwy, Braemar
Ph: 4872 4650

“Quality Horticulturists ~ Open 7 days”

“How well does your child hear?”
- Child testing from 6 months of age
- Custom moulds for swimming
- Noise attenuating Musician Plugs

Alice St, Mittagong
Ph: 4871 3644

Wall and Floor Tiles
Clay and Concrete Pavers
Natural Stone Tiles and Pavers
Retaining Walls
Synthetic Grass

Open 7 Days on the Old Hume Hwy, Braemar
Ph: 4872 4650
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

Tahmoor Soccer Club 2015 Registration - If you’re looking for family oriented football, fitness, fun and fair play – we are the club for you! More info and updates on the website www.tahmoorsoccerclub.com.au or Club phone 0434 377 543. Registration dates are Sunday, 1 February 10.00 am – 2.00 pm, Thursday, 5 February 5.00pm – 8.00 pm and Saturday, 14 February 10.00 am – 2.00 pm.

The Oaks Pony Club: Do you ride? Would you like to make new friends to ride with and improve your riding as well? Then come and join The Oaks Pony Club. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month and riders are involved in flat work, dressage, jumping, sporting and games. We have a yearly camp, go for visits to Silver Hills for Cross Country, have the opportunity to compete in all types of competitions and generally have a great time. Come join us! Registration is on Sunday, 1 February at Dudley Chesham Oval The Oaks. For more information go to our website: theoaksponyclub.org.au

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.

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

Canteen Roster, Term 1, 2015

Thursday 29/1 Judith Rigg
Friday 30/1 Judy Scholes
Monday 2/2 Lesley Bramich
Tuesday 3/2 Michelle Clark
Wednesday 4/2 Judith Rigg
Thursday 5/2 Hannah Warland Helen Russell
Friday 6/2 Judy Scholes Marie Bellia
Monday 9/2 Michelle Morris
Tuesday 10/2 Help Needed
Wednesday 11/2 Helen Russell Judith Rigg
Thursday 12/2 Hannah Warland Gina Webber
Friday 13/2 Judy Scholes Natalie Traynor

Thank you to everyone involved in making 2014 a busy productive and successful year.
We wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas time and a safe and restful holiday.

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

But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” Luke 1:30-33

It all comes down to this. All of history; past, present and future, is built around this moment, when the creator of everything entered the world that had turned from him, to save us from ourselves. Happy Christmas.
Sitting in the big chair this week is our very own Headmaster Dr Quarmby! He is spreading the Christmas cheer (and handing out the Office Christmas gifts!), and wishing all our families a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful and safe break—see you in 2015!!!

Prayer Points

Thank God

- For the short life but big example of Phillip Hughes
- For a wonderful 2014
- For the privilege of being a part of young lives as they grow and develop and discover who they are and what they stand for

Ask God

- To be with us as we prepare for 2015
- That the message of Christmas will drift through the glitter and into our hearts
- For a time to mend wounds and renew friendships for families at Christmas.

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.