From the Foundation Headmaster

You’re a shining star – no matter who you are.

“Bright star, would I were steadfast as thou art,”

John Keats uses the visual, timeless, image of a star to introduce the reader to eternity.

And it is true that the stars in the sky are almost exactly the same as the stars in the sky when your grandparents took an evening stroll and looked upwards. It is even true to say that they are pretty much the same as when the dinosaurs looked up.

But they are not eternal. At one end of eternity they did not exist and at the other – who knows?

Science has a habit of reducing things extraordinary down to the ordinary. We now know that the stars we now see will run out of fuel and that new stars will be born. Unlike the poet, we even know the mystery of the twinkle of a star. It has been reduced to reactions between fast travelling heavy hydrogen atoms (tritium and deuterium) producing helium and energy – heat and light. This is nuclear fusion. Human beings created a fusion bomb which devastated a city called Nagasaki in World War 2. We are clever enough to produce a piece of a star but we are not clever enough to contain it.

John Keats wants to be like a star but laments that such an ambition will always be out of his reach.

The Bible holds more encouragement. It is a description – not of lofty ambition – but of present status. “You shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.”

Scientists have almost given up on managing a fusion reaction. There is no container on Earth capable of holding a star. Every container will melt. They have tried holding it inside a magnetic field so there are no sides to touch and melt. They have failed. It seems that stars cannot be confined.

Romans 12 tells us – “Do not be proud, and be willing to associate with people of low position.”

You can probably determine whether you are on the right track to achieve this lofty ambition if you have trouble determining what it means. There are no low positions here. Those who clean, fix, build or type shine with those who teach, count, administer and preach. We eat, drink, celebrate and tell stories together. We all belong to one another, and ultimately to Jesus – for Christ’s Glory.

Shining Stars are our sporting champions and our academic high distinctions but they are also the Year 4 student who looked after his little buddy in Transition for 20 minutes and helped him onto the stage when he was petrified; the Year 12 student who dipped into his pocket and gave a Kindergarten student $5 to purchase a present for his mum when he was distraught that he had lost his money on the day of the Mother’s Day stall.

These are the shining stars that make up the fabric of everyday life here at the College. Sometimes we get so busy that they are easily missed

but God never blinks.
ENROLMENTS

We have continued to receive many applications for Year 7, Kindergarten and Transition for 2016 which is
great to see. With this in mind, I urge our current families to ensure you have any sibling applications in as
soon as possible. Over the past two years, we have had siblings on our waiting list which is not an enjoyable situa-
tion for anyone! Please help us avoid this situation for 2016 enrolments. Applications for our main entry points (Year
7, Kindergarten and Transition) should be submitted as soon as you can. Application packs are available from our
website or the College office.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships for students entering Years 5, 7, 9 or 11 in 2016 have now closed. The test will be run on Saturday,
28 February. Auditions for Music and Dance Scholarships will run on Thursday and Friday, 12 and 13 March 2015. More
details of the test and auditions have been sent this week to all applicants.

Mrs Christine Mozejko
Development Manager

DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR A WEEK TO SPARE?

If you do, the Learning Support team would love to hear from you. We are looking for parents or grandpar-
tents, who could come in for approximately one hour a week to read with Primary aged students. All re-
sources will be supplied for you and we will take you through the process beforehand. No prior experience is need-
ed.

If you are interested in helping or have any questions please contact Mrs Lucy Gregory at the
College or by email: l.gregory@wac.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Lucy Gregory (Support Teacher)

NAPLAN RESULTS 2014

Recently of them have come. Some now have options that were beyond what they thought possible in Year 3. BUT – success at the College requires application and dedication. The results for Year 3 show that they are off to a
promising start. Even at this early age, students are already being encouraged to develop a love for learning and in
the development of strategies and practices to assist the process. Over the next few weeks, we will publish 2014
NAPLAN results for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Year 3

42 students in Year 3 sat the NAPLAN tests in 2014. Achievement Bands range from Band 1 (lowest) to Band 6
(Highest). In a remarkable result, 19 of the 42 students in Year 3 attained a Band 6 result in at least one aspect of
Numeracy and Literacy. Two WAC students achieved Band 6 for all 7 aspects of Numeracy and Literacy that were
measured.

Numeracy, Writing and Reading were highlights for the group with over half of the cohort receiving the top two
Bands (Bands 5 or 6). Spelling has been identified as an area for particular attention and strategies have already
been put in place to focus more on this skill in 2015.

The table below shows the percentage of the State students and the percentage of College students that scored in
the top three bands.

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Years 11 & 12 Information Night
Tuesday, 24 February in Warne Auditorium at 7.00 pm

- We anticipate that students and at least one of their parents attend.
- Some information regarding the calculation of HSC Marks and scaling.
- Tips to successful achievement in the HSC.
- There will be information regarding the demands of the Year 11 & 12 courses and the expectations regarding Assessment.
- A demonstration of access to the Parent Portal on Edumate. Students are expected to wear their College uniform.

Assessment Handbooks – Years 7-12.
Years 11 & 12 have received their Assessment Handbook, which outlines the College Assessment Policy and provides information to parents and students with regard to the processes involved with HSC Assessment. An Assessment Calendar and assessment dates can also be accessed by parents on the Edumate Parent Portal. Assessment Handbooks will be available in the next week for Years 7 to 10 with similar information relating to their particular year group.

Parent Portal – Access to Student and College Information
The Parent Portal allows parents to login to the College administration system, Edumate, and retrieve information regarding their child’s progress, their reports, attendance, calendar information as well allow parents to update their contact details and their child’s medical details.

It is essential that your children do not have access to your log in and password data. This level of access is for parents only. We are endeavouring to provide secondary students with their own password so that they can access their progress.

For information on how to access and use the Parent Portal, you can use the link below to the College website. www.wac.nsw.edu.au/

Click on the College Community Tab – Parents – Parent Portal for access or Related Links below for the ‘Guide to the Parent Portal’.

Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Program 2015
The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award is operating at Wollondilly Anglican College and some students in Years 8 and 9 (aged 14 or older) may wish to join the program. This is an optional activity. The award is a youth self-development program for all young people. It is non-competitive and encourages young people to set and achieve goals at a level appropriate to their needs. There are four sections that must be completed for a young person to qualify for an award:

- Community Service, Skills, Recreation and Expedition.

These provide an opportunity for students to acquire and develop skills, initiative and self esteem which will help them become more confident members of the community. The scheme is highly regarded by many employers.

The scheme has three award levels – Bronze, Silver and Gold. To obtain the Bronze award, students must complete the following sections:

1. Service: Voluntary community service spread over three months.
2. Expedition: Complete training and a practice trip and then an expedition with overnight camping.
3. Skills: Over a three month period, cultural or social activity must be pursued leading to a deeper knowledge of the subject and the attainment of a reasonable degree of skill, eg: playing a musical instrument.
4. Physical Recreation: Participation in one physical activity for a minimum three months, resulting in some improvement in that activity.
5. All participants must do an extra three months in either, Skill, Physical Recreation or Service.

The initial cost of the program is $110.00 (including GST), which pays for insurance and the record book. I hope your son/daughter will take advantage of this opportunity to join the scheme. If you have any questions, please ring me at the College on 02 4684 2577.

Please see next page for dates:
Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster

WHAT’S IN A NAME?

College Academic Structure
Primary: Years T-6  Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Secondary: Years 7-12  Mr Ian Croger

College Pastoral Care Structure
Junior: Years T-4  Mr Stuart McIntosh
Middle: Years 5-8  Mrs Lisa Rockwell
Senior: Years 9-12  Mr Liam Toland

We are a College – not a school. Years 7-12 are Secondary years, not High School years.

WHO DO I CONTACT AT THE COLLEGE?

As the College grows, it is important to avoid delay by raising issues with the right person. This list may help –

General College inquiries:  Mrs Cook, Mrs Darby
Enrolments:  Mrs Mozejko (Admin/Enrolments)
Property matters:  Mr Schroder (Property Manager), Mr Dubois, Mr Edwards
Information Technology matters:  Mr O’Connell (IT Manager), Mr Newhouse
Significant Transport matters:  Mr Toland
General Matters:  Classroom Teacher (T-6), Year Patron (7-12)
Significant Matters (Pastoral Care):  Mr Stuart McIntosh (T-4)
                      Mrs Rockwell (5-8)
                      Mr Toland (9-12)
Significant matters (Curriculum)
                      Ms Huxtable (T-6)
                      Mrs Croger (English, Humanities)
                      Mr Denley (Creative Arts, Languages)
                      Dr Eaton (Science)
                      Mr Madden (TAS)
                      Mr Hicks (Maths, PDHPE, Christian Studies)
If still concerned:
Finally:  Mr Croger (Deputy Headmaster)
Dr Quarmby (Headmaster)

Unless the matter can be dealt with quickly, please make an appointment with the person concerned or through the office. Appointments to see Mr Croger can be made through Mrs Cook; Appointments with Dr Quarmby, through Mrs Hay.
Pastoral Care Matters

The College Captains/Prefect body for 2015 is as follows:
College Captains: Samuel Gardiner and Laura Fleming
Prefects: Briony Roelandts, Georgina SaintJohn-Viney, Hannah Purnell, Kye Madden, Thomas Croucher, Andrew Russell
Senior Captains: Max Noakes and Georgie Ainsworth
Middle Captains: Travis Baxter and Nina Hvejsel
Primary Captains: Jack Carroll and Maisie Hart

Primary SRC Reps
Congratulations to the following Year 3 – 5 Term 1 Representatives for the SRC:
Year 3 Faith - Emma-Kate Talbot and Hayden Brown
Year 3 Hope - Madyson Keaney and Max Losciuto
Year 4 Faith - Bree Watson and Dane Clark
Year 4 Hope - Tania Fouche and Baxter Davies
Year 5 Faith - Klarissa Riccarelli and Sam Jarvis
Year 5 Hope - Oliver Castle and Caitlyn Ollis

The Primary Captains Maisie Hart and Jack Carroll from Year 6 remain part of the SRC for the whole year. The above students from Years 3 - 5 have an opportunity to gain leadership experience by serving Term 1.

As part of their first meeting the students get down to business formulating a roster to assist with equipment and activities in the K-2 and 3-4 playground areas. This is a further way that the SRC is looking to serve the College Community.

Mr Liam Toland
Director of Pastoral Care (T-12)

IPSSO Sport

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as the Primary House Leaders for 2015:
**Wollemi** - Darcy Baxter & Billy Syphers
**Sollya** - Callum Boyle & Tanya Garakasha
**Acacia** - Jake Watson & Kelsie McKinley
**Telopea** - Fraser Eva & Lilly Wenman
**Grevillea** - Fletcher Davies & Zana Rockwell

Mr Stuart Houweling
IPSSO and Primary Sports Organiser
**PRIMARY MATTERS**

K-6 Homework Expectations.
The following are the expectations for K-6 homework at WAC. All students are expected to do homework four days per week (usually Monday-Thursday). Incomplete homework will have consequences for students. Notes will be made in the diary to alert parents. Teachers understand that at times students may not be able to complete homework. A note in the diary is appreciated.

The time students should be spending per day on homework is:
- Kindergarten: 10 minutes.
- Stage 1: 10 minutes.
- Stage 2: 15-20 minutes.
- Stage 3: 20-30 minutes.

**Reading time is extra above this.**

Stage 2 and 3 students may also have musical instruments to practice with. We would ask that parents encourage their children in this.

Homework activities will include spelling lists, sometimes sentences may be written and simple maths activities based on work they are doing in class or the practice of basic skills. Internet based activities may also be used. Sometimes assessment speeches or research will also be set for older students. Other homework will be adjusted at these times.

If you have any concerns regarding homework please contact the class teacher.

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

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**JUNGLE NEWS FROM TOTO AND TEMBO**

Transition have had a lovely start to the year and have been very busy getting to know each other. The children have settled in beautifully and are now being encouraged to develop skills of independence and organisation. These are skills to unzip and rezip bags unassisted and, to learn to pack their bags using problem solving skills in seeing how items can best fit together.

They are also becoming responsible for putting their hats and lunch boxes in the appropriate places throughout the day. Despite the busyness of getting ready each morning and on returning home each day – I would encourage you to give your child the opportunity to pack and unpack their own bag each day (with supervision) as to assist in these skills of organisation. Zipping a bag up can be a difficult fine motor skill for some children to master and practice is the key. Please also check that your child can open un-assisted the containers and food packaging that you send in their lunch boxes. Some can be very difficult for little hands to open.

An exciting change this week for the students has been joining the WAC primary community for the sails dismissal in the afternoons. This usually starts at 2.30 pm. Families will need to wait for the Transition class to be dismissed by the teacher on the microphone. The students will be encouraged to look for you and to walk towards you.

We hope you enjoy some photos from our first few weeks at ‘big school’.

*Education is not filling a pail but the lighting of a fire.*

William Butler Yeats

Mrs Napier
Transition Teacher
**MATHS CLUB 2015**

For anyone from Years 3-6 who love Maths or wants to learn more about it, then this is the place for you! Every Monday at 2nd half lunch, we are going to see how fun Maths is! There will be fun times tables websites and games!

Do you want to know more? I will pick up Years 3 and 4 from their playground and Years 5 and 6 can meet me at the door of Banks 5 IT lab at the start of 2nd half lunch.

*Mr Darren Wayne*
Maths Club Organiser

**EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH OUR SISTER SCHOOL - FIRSTWALD, IN GERMANY**

As our excited Wollondilly students return from their exchange and as a group of 30 students prepare to travel for the taste of German Speaking Europe (Sound of Music) tour in September, we have received a lot of expressions of interest from Wollondilly students wishing to travel and stay with a family at our sister school, Firstwald in Southern Germany.

Here are some answers for some of the regular questions we receive concerning eligibility and cost –

Q 1: I don’t speak much German and do not study German at WAC but can I go anyway?
A 1: No. It is a language immersion trip. Students spend weeks attending a school in Germany where lessons are taught in … you guessed it … German. Some host families speak English – some do not.

Q 2: I want to be hosted in Germany but I cannot host a student in return. Is this OK?
A 2: Yes – but Firstwald will charge a student fee up front and students will also need to negotiate a boarding fee with host parents.

Q3: I am able to host a German student but will not be “exchanging” with them and returning to Germany at a later date. Is this OK?
A3: Yes – but the German student will pay WAC fees up front and a negotiated boarding fee with the host family.

Q4: I want to exchange. Can I travel to Germany to stay with a family and, in turn, host a student from Germany beforehand or at a later date?
A4: Yes. This is the idea of the exchange program. There is no charge at Firstwald and no charge at WAC for the German student for their home-stay in Australia (except that they will need to purchase or borrow the College uniform from another student. Firstwald does not have a uniform).

**Time for exchange** – Summer break (January) for WAC students in Germany (minimal College time lost); Summer break (July) for Firstwald students in Australia.

*Mr Jonathan Shaw*
College Administrator

**WANTED: FAMILIES TO HOST GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

Firstly, thank you to those generous Wollondilly families, who have already expressed an interest in either hosting or exchanging. However, I still need a few more families, to host girls from our sister school in Germany. Just to refresh your memory, the students will be here for almost three months. They will arrive near the end of Term 2 and will return to Germany in mid-September. So far, there have already been more offers for billeting the boys, than boys wanting to come to Australia!

If you have already offered to host, I will be in touch next week. Wollondilly students prepared to return to Germany on exchange will have the first priority, if there are more offers to host than needed.

Finally, it is exciting to have so much interest about hosting and exchanging with our sister school in Germany. It is a valuable opportunity for our young people to learn first hand about another country and to share our country with a visitor.

*Mrs Carolyn Clark - German Teacher*
This week we played Macarthur Anglican School in the MISA Competition. We had wins in the 10-12 Boys' Oztag, 10-12 Boys' Cricket and 7-9 Boys' Volleyball. The Girls' 7-9 Volleyball had a narrow loss going down 2-1 as did the 8-9 Boys Basketball losing by just six points. We play John Therry next week.

- Oz Tag (boys & girls) – Victoria Park, Minto
- Basketball (boys & girls) – Minto Basketball Stadium
- Volleyball – WAC
- Cricket – Onslow

**Reminder:** All students must wear their full College sports uniform on Tuesdays. Regardless of the sport your child is participating in girls are NOT permitted to wear tights and students must wear predominately white joggers.

**Friday, 20 February** is the Secondary Swimming Carnival (Picton Leisure Centre). All permission notes were due back to Mr Goldsbrough last Friday. Any student who is yet to hand in their completed form needs to do so immediately to ensure correct numbers for transport to and from the carnival.

Competitors in the 200m Freestyle and 200m individual medleys must be at the pool by 8.00 am sharp. Competitors wishing to warm up for these events may swim from 7.45 am onwards.

College provided buses will leave the College at 8.10 am for transport to Picton Leisure Centre. Buses will also return students to the College in time for afternoon buses. The Carnival will officially open at 8.30 am.

**Students must wear their coloured House polo shirts, College cap, black College shorts, white socks (calf length) and predominantly white sneakers (no thongs). Bikinis are not permitted.**

The Swimming Carnival is an important part of the College calendar and, as such, students are expected to attend and participate. Parents are very welcome on the day, if for no other reason than to cheer and support the Competitors. If so inclined, we would welcome assistance with setup, pack up, timing and judging.

**Correction:** Last week the date of the WAC Cross Country Carnival was printed as 2, July. Please disregard this. The carnival’s correct date is the **Thursday, 2 April**.

Mr Mark Goldsbrough
Secondary Sports Coordinator

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**PRIMARY SPORT**

**Primary Athletics Training 2015**
Students in Years 3-6 can come along Friday lunchtimes and learn the more technical side of Athletics. I will be coaching one event in a four week timeframe over the whole year. This will allow students to build up their skills. The first four weeks will be spent learning how to throw a Shot Put.

Please meet Mr Wayne in front of Elizabeth at the start of Lunch 1. If any further information is required, please email me at d.wayne@wac.nsw.edu.au

**WAC Annual Primary Swimming Carnival 2015**
Permission notes have been handed out and they should be close to all being returned for our annual carnival on **Friday, 13 February at 8.30 am at Picton Leisure Centre**. There is a $2.50 entry fee for all spectators. **Students must wear their coloured House polo shirts, College cap, black College shorts, white socks (calf length) and predominantly white sneakers (no thongs). Bikinis are not permitted.**

Students will be bused to and from the Leisure Centre during normal College hours. Parents are definitely allowed to help officiate so please inform me if you haven’t already on the permission note. The 50 metres Butterfly and Individual Medleys will commence at 8.00 am sharp. If you have any further questions, please email myself at d.wayne@wac.nsw.edu.au

**AFL Football Training session (Transition - Year 6)**
We are very fortunate to have the AFL come and conduct a training session for our students. On Friday, 13 February Transition to Year 2 will have their coaching lesson and then on the following Wednesday, 18 February Years 3 - 6 College sport will participate in the skills session as well. Such a great opportunity for our students!

Mr Darren Wayne
Primary Sports Coordinator
SECONDARY HOMEWORK CLUB—2015

Homework Club commenced yesterday for students from Years 7-12. We encourage our regular attendees to consider making this part of their study routine for 2015 and welcome any new students to make the most of this opportunity.

Our supportive and enthusiastic staff can assist students and offer guidance with homework, assignments or general revision.

As a new part of Homework Club this year the workshops will be open for students who would like to work on their technology projects. Students must meet at Flynn IRC as normal and then go to the workshop with the supervising teacher.

When: Wednesday afternoons 3.00 - 4.30 pm  
Where: Flynn IRC  
What to bring: Homework, tasks, puzzling questions, necessary equipment and a positive attitude!

It is essential that you have a work plan for the time you attend Homework Club.

Contact: Mrs Madden, Mr Shellshear, Dr Bearlin, Miss Allon, Mr Madden (Office Phone: 4684 2577)

MUSICAL SET DESIGN

All students from Years 7 to 11 are welcome to join the musical set design team. This year we will be painting and constructing the sets for ‘High School Musical’. We meet every Monday, 2.35 pm - 4.30 pm in Melba 3 art room, starting week 4. Parents are asked to collect their students from the car park between Melba and Flynn.

There will be a sign up sheet outside Melba 3 art room window. Students should bring afternoon tea for themselves and are allowed to wear old home clothes, so not to get paint on their uniforms. See Mrs Taylor or Mrs Ware if you have any questions.

S&S CREATIVE UNLIMITED DRAWING WORKSHOP

Last week Year 11 Visual Arts students were invited to participate in the S&S Creative Unlimited drawing workshop. The students learnt about a variety of different drawing styles and mediums, from charcoal, graphite, inktense pencils, chalk pastels and experimentation with ink based products with salt to the reaction of drying times using cling film.

The students all found the workshop fun and informative. We would like the thank the generosity of S&S Creative Unlimited for their time and efforts to provide our students with this free workshop.

Mrs Belinda Taylor  
Art Teacher
CAREERS CORNER

Tax File Numbers in Schools Program
Unfortunately the Australian Taxation Office has cancelled the TFN in schools program. Students will now have to apply for their TFN using the guide below.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015
The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN. Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC27248'.

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC22604'.

If you require any further information you can phone the ATO on 1300 130 282 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.

YEAR 12 DISCOVERY DAY

Year 12 students attended the Wollongong University Discovery Day last Tuesday. Students had the opportunity to view the various faculties in action. Students participated in a number of activities throughout the day including sport science, creative writing, engineering, teaching and psychology to name a few.

They experienced what university life is like and they were able to talk to students and lecturers throughout the day. The day is a fabulous start to their career seeking and post College goals. Please discuss the day with your child if they attended and encourage them in their career aspirations.

A great day was had by all and many of the students finished the day excited about the prospects of becoming university graduates.

Mr Michael Cassidy
Careers Adviser

THIRLMERE FESTIVAL OF STEAM — SUNDAY, 1 MARCH

Wollondilly Anglican College is the gold sponsor of the festival so it is VERY important that we have a good turnout of students. Even our three buses will be in the parade as the lead vehicles!

Students are to meet Mr Toland at 12.00 noon under the Wollondilly banner in Westbourne Avenue, Thirrmere, in College uniform (you can change later) to walk in the parade at 1.00 pm.

We would love it if you could come along. Our College Marquee will be in the park all day and we will be giving out free helium balloons which students are encouraged to come and collect to carry in the parade. Come along, have fun and support your College. The Festival opens at 9.00 am.

We look forward to a GREAT festival!
Expressions of Interest
- WAC Arnhem Land Mission Trip 2015

In the first week of the June/July College holidays, Wollondilly Anglican will take a small team of students to Arnhem Land to work alongside MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship). Students from Years 10 and 11 are invited to apply for this experience. Students will be notified at assembly about the experience and an information evening will be conducted on Thursday, 5 March at 7.00 pm in the Flynn Amphitheatre for interested students and their parents.

Why are we doing this?
- To give our students a chance to broaden their experiences of another culture
- To develop a sense of teamwork and purpose for students and teachers involved
- Allow an opportunity for students to nurture their faith and experience first-hand how missionaries serve God in a remote area of Australia
- To offer assistance and support to our hard working missionaries, Craig and Red Fulton
- To assist in the spread of the Gospel amongst the people of Arnhem Land

Who?
- Two Staff (Mr Michael Cassidy and Mrs Pauline Cochrane)
- Selected student ambassadors based on the application criteria

Proposed Date:
Friday, 26 June 2015 until Saturday, 4 July 2015

Cost?
Approximate Cost $1900 each – This should include everything (all activities, food, flights and accommodation, etc.) Extra money for food in Cairns and for personal shopping.

Student selection criteria
- Students need to be in Year 10 or 11 at Wollondilly Anglican College.
- Student must demonstrate an interest in serving others and committed to spreading the gospel through acts of service.
- Exemplary behaviour record throughout their College education.
- Ability and willingness to talk publicly about their experience in their own Church, other local Churches and at College Chapel.
- Ability to work as a member of a team.

Mr Michael Cassidy
Secondary Teacher

College Band

The College Band commenced rehearsals for 2015 last week. If you play an instrument, are currently in Years 7-12 and are interested in joining the College Band, please come and see Mr Grant during the week.

The College Band rehearses after College hours on Tuesday (2.45 pm - 4.15 pm), leaving enough time to catch the late bus. The College Band is a great way to meet other students who are not in your respective grade and who share a common passion for Music.

Mr Lloyd Grant
Music Teacher
Virtually every person every day experiences music. Every person has the capacity to enjoy and make music. Every culture in the world includes music in some form: for ceremony, relaxation, communication, celebration and enjoyment. The world would be inconceivable without music. Imagine the absence of music in our lives.

It is through schools that every child could have the opportunity to find the joy of making and understanding music. Yet many children miss out on that opportunity because schools choose not to offer it, or do not offer enough. All children should have music as a core component of their education, from the first years at pre-school through to their senior school years; enriching students' lives.

At the College we are blessed to be able to offer every student in Years 3 and 4 the opportunity to learn a violin or cello, In Years 5 and 6 every student has the opportunity to play a band instrument, such as the clarinet, flute, trumpet, trombone or percussion. What an opportunity for your child to enhance their educational experience and really take ownership of their learning.

An education in music enriches students' lives by providing: - joy and pleasure, - a transforming human experience, - a unique way of knowing, - access to our musical cultural heritage, - an enhancement to quality of life, - an opportunity to develop potential, - an avenue for creativity and self-expression, - a means for self-realisation and self-fulfilment, and - a unique avenue to succeed at school. Music is able to do this because it has many unique qualities. Music is unique.

Music provides a unique means of communication and expression through sound. Music provides a context for the understanding and transmission of beliefs and values. Music has its own body of knowledge and skills. Music functions as a means of entertaining, celebrating, relaxing and expressing. Music brings joy and satisfaction, fosters creative expression, challenges thinking and stimulates imagination. Music learning contributes to intellectual and cognitive growth through the development of skills, techniques and processes. Music learning contributes to social and personal growth. Music engages all aspects of a person: cognitive, emotional, sensory, physical and spiritual. Music is an abstract, creative medium which allows for unique individual expression. Music is valuable in its own right-however, it also has other qualities that bring additional benefits to students. Recent research illustrates how learning music can help students improve in other academic and social areas.

As the students’ progress through Years 7 and 8 they can enhance their musical skills and contribute to co-curricular life of the College by being involved in all or some of the amazing performance opportunities offered.

### Ensemble rehearsal times:

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Please contact the teacher in charge should you require further details or information.

Have a Great Musical Week.

Mr Simon Denley - Creative Arts and LOTE Coordinator
P & F NEWS

WAC 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK – open for extras!

At last it’s happening, the WAC 10 year cookbook is in the final stages of production. Yes we know it has been a long time coming but it’s well worth the wait.

We are reopening for submissions of recipes. If you missed your chance last time or joined the College after August 2013 we would love you to submit your FAVOURITE FAMILY RECIPES!!

This very special colour commemorative cookbook is being compiled by a local chef and includes a special celebrity chef endorsement. The professionally bound quality of the book ensures it will be a treasured keepsake. Categories in the cookbook are as tempting as:

- Kickstart Breakfasts and Snacks
- Soups and Starters
- Finger foods
- Salads and Dressings
- Vegetarian and Allergy Friendly
- Meals in a Tick
- Delectable Deserts
- Afternoon Teatime
- Fun with Kids
- Drinks and other liquid Delights

Families of the College are invited to submit favourite family recipes that will appear in the book with their family name.

If you are copying a recipe from another favourite cookbook or website, we will need the name of that book/website for copyright issues.

Recipes can be printed or written out and placed in an envelope addressed to Cookbook Coordinator and left at the office or emailed directly to Lianne Williams (lianne@sproutscatering.com.au).

The book will be available to purchase at the Wheels @ Wollondilly Car Show on Saturday, 9 May, ready for Mother’s Day.

Submissions close Friday, 6 March 2015.

Mrs Danielle Turner
P&F President

CSIRO’S ASSETS PROGRAM

Over the summer I was given the opportunity to travel to Adelaide and attend the CSIRO’s ASSETS program for 2014. The program focuses on developing science and technology skills in young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and supports them in pursuing careers in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) sector.

Over the 10 day period, I worked alongside academics from the University of Adelaide, The University of South Australia and the Australian Science and Mathematics School, completing programs involving CSI Investigation, medicinal properties of plants and the passive design of architecture, which I found the most interesting.

The ASSETS program has provided me with an extensive understanding of current science and technology developments, and, after more study, I will hopefully enter into a career in a STEM industry.

by Bethany Wadling (Year 12)
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.

Registration Day for Picton Magpies JRLC is on Saturday, 7 February 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm (Victoria Park Picton). U/6's -- U/16's -- $120 per player. "NEW" U/6's only -- Registration free Please be advised that all new registrations require a birth certificate and two proofs of residential address. Payment must be made in person on the registration days. Registration Includes: Shorts, Socks and Training Shirt. Any inquiries please contact Cristy on 0430 375 337

Registration days for Collegians Hockey Club will be held at Narellan Hockey Fields, Tuesday, 24 February 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm, Tuesday, 3 March 6.00 pm -8.00 pm. Junior teams – all ages U/7’s & U9’s play for free in their first year AND get a free hockey kit! Play all games at Narellan on turf, no travelling to different fields every week! Contacts Juniors: Samantha Freeman 0416 311 136 juniors@collieshockey.com.au Seniors: Lisa Clinch 0414 403 799 secretary@collieshockey.com.au

Picton Ranger Soccer Registration dates will be on Saturday, 7 February and Saturday, 14 February for all ages from under 6’s. Located at Hume Oval, Downing Street Picton between 10.00 am - 2.00 pm or email pictonfc@gmail.com

Wollondilly Council invites all young learner drivers to a ‘FREE’ Learner Driver Log Book Run event. This event is being held on Sunday, 22 February starting at 9.30 am in Council. Places are limited. To make a booking, please contact Council’s Road Safety Officer on 4677 1188 or email leanne.ledwidge@wollondilly.nsw.gov.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.

Volunteer forms are in this edition. Please consider helping out for a day or two in the Canteen as a service to your College.

New prices are now in place. Please refer to your new yellow price list and discard the old green one. If for some reason your family did not receive one you can pick one up from the Canteen or alternately view it on the College website.

Canteen roster, Term 1, 2015

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Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy!

Mrs Carolyn Richards
If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. 2 Corinthians 11:30

While this might not look like the best way to start a job interview or a political campaign, it really works in life. If I’m prepared to be honest about my failings, I will seek help and improve. When I do that with God, I also get forgiveness and eternal life. Because there’s no other way to get that hope, boasting about our weaknesses is the best thing we could ever do. Strange, but true.
Prayer Points

Thank God
- That we are drawing close to the completion of the new Trade Skills Centre
- For our Parents’ and Friends’ Association
- That He continues to provide new enrolments so that we can grow and thrive
- That He watches over us – and never blinks

Ask God
- For wisdom in planning for Stage 8 and for the tender process
- For people to come forward for vacancies on the Parents and Friends Executive
- That we might seek His will for our lives

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.

This week’s Pretend Headmaster Ava Broome (KC), takes some time out to grab a cuppa and reflect on the upcoming football season.