It was June 2004 and Wollondilly Anglican College was abuzz with excitement. It is not every day that the Prime Minister of Australia pops in for a visit. On this occasion, the Prime Minister was Mr John Howard and it was a picture perfect day. A large marquee was centred on the lawn area of the College and a few parents of the College had responded magnificently to a call for “a few plates” of food to mark the occasion. In the end, there was more food than table space. After the official ceremony and as part of the festivities, my job was to escort the Prime Minister around the College and to shield him away, as best I could from the media. “Mr Howard, this is Mrs Smith; Mr Howard, this is Mr Morrison,” I said as I introduced parents and staff. As we rounded the corner of the marquee, Mr Howard’s face broke into a smile. “Good morning John,” said Mr Howard. I looked up to see who it was that the Prime Minister of Australia knew by name – there was no need to introduce John Lambert; the Prime Minister of Australia already knew him.

John Lambert loved Wollondilly Anglican College. He described it as magnificent. “Magnificent gardens, magnificent grounds, magnificent staff”, he would say. When the gardens between Banks, Sturt and Melba were completed a few years ago, it seemed natural to name them after John and to have him visit us to open them.

John passed away at the end of last year after a long battle with cancer. The following is an extract from an article by Russell Powell -

_Hundreds of people gathered at a funeral service for John Lambert, the architect of a resurgence in building Anglican schools and a pioneer of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation. Mr Lambert died at the age of 78. Mr Lambert was the inaugural President of the New South Wales Board of Studies, serving from its establishment in 1990 until 1994. Previously he had a distinguished career with the NSW Department of School Education, where his roles included History inspector, regional director and finally Deputy Director-General. From 1994 to 2009 Mr Lambert was the Director of Schools Development at the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation, during which he contributed significantly to the establishment of 12 new Anglican schools._

“After almost a century of not establishing anything other than Grammar Schools, John Lambert almost single handedly, persuaded the Sydney Anglican Archbishop of the day that the Church should establish low-fee Anglican schools in areas of significant population growth. He was passionate. He was intelligent. He had extensive contacts in the key areas of establishing schools. He was a big picture person while being meticulous with details. He was persistent. He refused to give up when obstacles were put in his way. He was always on the lookout for future educational leaders. He maintained close contact with all the principals that he helped to appoint to run these schools. John Lambert was a great champion for Christian education, a remarkable servant of Christ, and one who knew where he was going after death,” the Archbishop said.

When I first met John Lambert, his reputation had preceded him. My respect and reverence for him never dissipated but a friendship grew. John had a vision for “dispersed libraries” – the notion that books and computers should never be gathered together and stored in a central location with limited access by students. As an English/History teacher and avid reader, it was his dream to see a school with books and computers everywhere.

_That’s the other reason why John especially liked Wollondilly Anglican College._
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 situation 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.

Mrs Christine Mozejko
Development Manager

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, Thirlmere, 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!

THIRLMERE FESTIVAL OF STEAM PERFORMANCES

As part of the festivities, the College Band and the Senior String Ensemble are performing in the park. The students would really appreciate your support by coming along to the park and listening to their performances. In addition to the ensembles, we have a number of soloists who will be performing as well. The performances begin on the stage in the park at 10.00 am.

Mr Lloyd Grant
Music Teacher

ANZAC DAY

Please note that ANZAC Day this year falls on Saturday, 25 April. Keep an eye out in the Waratah Weekly in the coming weeks for details of local marches.

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

If your child occasionally requires Panadol during College hours, could you please supply a box or bottle of preferred type to be kept in the office for such times.

Please note, this medication will not be administered until permission has been received from a parent at the time unless a note has been provided previously.
10 Golden Rules for Parenting Success in 2015 Part 1

The requirements for effective parenting are changing rapidly, just as the profile of parents is changing. Australian parents are now older than ever (30-34 is now the peak child-bearing age group). Families are smaller than ever (over 50% have two children or less). The number of children as a percentage of the population is shrinking (1 in 6 of our population is under 15, compared to 1 in 3 in developing countries). As a result we are less knowledgeable about children. If you add to this mix that children are growing up at the speed of light, information technology can make parents seem redundant, and increasingly parents claim lack of time is their biggest impediment to effective parenting. So what is a parent to do?

10 Golden Rules for 2015:

1. **Talk more.** With families shrinking, kids getting busier and tech devices rapidly multiplying the opportunities for family members to engage in face-to-face talk is under serious attack. Regardless of their age, the best way to influence your children is talk to them. The kitchen table is one place to do this, but there are plenty of other places where you can talk. If talk becomes difficult, try driving with a child or young person in the car with the radio off; they are bound to break sooner or later.

2. **Lean on others.** A recent Australian survey found that 50% of parents are seriously struggling with their parenting, yet only 10% of this group would ask for help. I suspect there are many reasons for this including fear of being judged a poor parent; that parenting is expected to be hard; and lack of trustworthy support networks. Author Steve Biddulph once said that parents don’t parent well in isolation. He’s right. It’s incredibly important to build your support networks and get ‘sparents’ into your child’s life. Start by working closely with your child’s teacher; a natural ally!

3. **Build confidence.** With so many parents reporting that they have a child experiencing anxiety it would seem that we are currently experiencing a crisis in children’s confidence. It would also seem that we have somehow forgotten how to absorb children’s fears, insecurities and anxieties, and instill a sense of confidence that these can be overcome. Using a mixture of coaxing, coaching and cajoling parents need to find a way to impart in children a sense of confidence to put themselves in new or potentially awkward social situations; to have a go at activities where failure is a real option; and to contribute to the wellbeing of others, which reduces anxiousness and fear.

4. **Aim for redundancy.** The great irony of modern parenting is that as families have shrunk parents actually do more, rather than less, for their kids. There are many reasons for this including lack of time to teach; it’s simply easier to do a job ourselves, and the new expectation that ‘good’ parents do everything for their kids. The new ‘strict parent’ is someone who expects their kids to wash their own clothes, cook a meal, and read a book to a younger sibling. The impertinence! Here’s a six-word slogan to help you remember: “When kids can, let them do!”

5. **Lead the gang.** Parenting is now an individual endeavour. There is a place for parenting the individual child, but there is also a place for parenting the whole gang (even if you and your child make up the gang). Your ability to pull your family together and get them singing off the same song sheet will impact on your family’s harmonious relationships; your children’s sense of other (empathy) and their general resilience and coping mechanisms. There is nothing so magical to witness as a family pulling together when the chips are down. This doesn’t just happen. It takes real leadership by parents to make a family act like a family!

Rules 6-10 next week.


**Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Training Day**

On Saturday, 7 March a Training Day will be held to prepare students for their first expedition which will occur on the Saturday, 28 and Sunday, 29 March.

Details are as follows:
- Commences at 8.30 am at the College at Melba Ampitheatre and concludes 2.00 pm
- Students will need to bring – hat, sunscreen, water bottle, clothes for walking in bush, suitable shoes for bush walking, a pen and recess. Students can join the working bee BBQ for lunch.
- The students will be supervised and instructed by Mr Hicks and Mr Croger
- Activities will include instruction on safety, first aid, navigating using a map and compass, equipment to take, route planning for the expedition, requirements and expectations for an expedition, cooking and camping skills

It is important that students attend this training before they participate in the expedition or expeditions at a later date.

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster
**Anxiety Presentations**
On Friday, 27 February all students in Year 9 will attend a presentation on Anxiety here at the College as part of a focus on pro-active pastoral care measures. The presentations will be delivered by Maddie Oliver our Learning and Pastoral Care Consultant. In 2014 our current Year 8 and 10 students were involved in the presentations and a number of students elected to learn more about this area. Students will attend the presentations in PDHPE classes on the day following the schedule below:

Period 4 – Year 9 PDHPE Hope  
Period 5 – Year 9 PDHPE Faith  
Period 6 – Year 9 PDHPE Grace

All students should bring a pen and their diary to the presentations and will receive handouts that provide further information about this topic. Students will be asked to complete a feedback sheet as part of evaluating the session and can indicate if they would like more information on this area.

**Student Leadership**
The College is proud to announce the House Captains for 2015. The following students had their first opportunity to lead their houses at the Secondary Swimming Carnival last Friday. All have made a strong start to this important area of student leadership and I encourage them to continue to step up and model service to others here at the College.

**Wollemi - Alexandra Gaidzionis and Tom Angel**
**Acacia - Nathan Moore and Cassandra Morrison**
**Grevillea - Andrew Ramage and Sophie Dymond**
**Telopea - Ryan King and Michelle Wales**
**Sollya - Phillip Kerin and Thomas Shakeshaft**

**Pastoral Matters**
The following are important reminders in Pastoral areas that need to be constantly a focus for parents and students of the College:

- Sports shoes need to be predominantly white sports joggers. Not white skate, street or casual shoes.
- Diaries need to be signed weekly by parents, these will be checked each Friday during Roll Call time.
- Students are not to use mobile phones at the College from the point of arrival at the College and until they leave.
- Students should not at any time have headphones in their ears whilst moving around the College or when arrival or leaving the College.
- All items of uniform need to be clearly labelled to assist when they become lost.
- Students need to ensure that they complete the driving to College paperwork and are issued with a pass from the front office.
- The College has a focus on involvement in the community and engaging in community service, please support us in modelling the value of this to our students by assisting them to attend the Thirlmere Steam Festival, College Term 1 Working Bee and Term Service.
- Please check the Uniform, Discipline and Award sections of the diary to monitor your child’s progress in these areas.

**SLR**
A reminder to Year 12 SLR that payment for Bronze Medallion Training is due on Monday, 2 March. Payment should be made at the front office. The practical sessions for the accreditation will take place on Thursday, 19 March and Thursday, 2 April.

Mr Liam Toland - Director of Pastoral Care T-12
Literacy Week: We will be celebrating Literacy in our traditional way with various activities from Wednesday, 4 March to Wednesday, 11 March. This will begin with World Read Aloud Day on the Wednesday, 4 March visits in the primary classroom by secondary teachers and culminating with Fathers and Literacy Day on Tuesday, 10 March (see below).

We will run a bookfair in conjunction with these events. The bookfair will be open for viewing on Thursday, 5 March during College time (for students only) and after College each day for parents and students until 3.30 pm. Students may also purchase books during lunchtimes. The bookfair will be open for the Literacy morning with Fathers on the Tuesday. The bookfair will be held upstairs in the Elizabeth building.

**Save the Date: Fathers and Literacy Day!**

**Invitation to all Dads of students in Years Transition to Year 4**

You are invited to visit the classroom of your child to see how we work with Literacy, play some games and have fun.

When: Tuesday, 10 March 8.15 am - 10.30 am
Where: Meet at the College Canteen after the morning bell at 8.10 am and sign in as a visitor.

At the conclusion of the morning session you are invited to have morning tea with the Headmaster. (We are conscious that some Fathers of our students are not able to attend the morning. Grandfathers, Uncles and older brothers are also welcome to visit).

**Scholastic Book club:** Orders have been placed for the first issue of the magazine. They should be back in the College for distribution in two weeks.

**Live a life well read**

Mrs Louise Saint-John
IRC Coordinator

www.love2read.org.au

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**MATHS CLUB 2015**

Don’t forget to remind your budding mathematician to come along every Monday, 2nd half lunch at Banks 5 computer lab. There is lots of practice on times tables and number games.

Everyone is welcome from Years 3-6 and last week I nearly got run over by some very excited Stage 2 students in their haste to get there. I will pick Years 3 and 4 up from their playground and Years 5 and 6 can meet me at the door.

Mr Darren Wayne
Primary Teacher
It has been another busy week of sport at WAC with students having plenty of opportunities to showcase their skills and talents across a number of sports.

**NASSA Cricket**
Our Senior Boys Cricket side had an outstanding victory over Macarthur Anglican School last week in the semi-final. Despite a strong opposition our boys managed to secure a victory by three runs. The win has put the team into the Grand Final to be played against Penrith Anglican College in the coming weeks. Congratulations to all the boys involved and to their coach Mr Russell.

**WAC Swimming Carnival**
The 12th Annual WAC Swimming Carnival was a huge success. It was great to see our top swimmers in action as well as those who may not have placed but participated to support their house groups overall point scores. Congratulations to the following age champions:

**Age Champions Boys**
- 12 Nicholas Jeffreys
- 13 Dean Large
- 14 Cody Cupitt
- 15 Samuel Napier
- 16 Ryan King
- 17 Hayden Hecimovic
- 18 Kye Madden

**Age Champions Girls**
- 12 Holly Ray
- 13 Isabella Norman
- 14 Amelia Weatherburn
- 15 Bailey Tzitzirus
- 16 Jess Bethune
- 17 Alex Gaidzionis
- 18 Samantha Vibert

**NASSA Swimming**
The NASSA Swimming Carnival will be held next Wednesday evening at SOPAC. All notes have been distributed to those swimmers who have progressed. It is essential that all notes are returned by **TOMORROW**. If students are unable to attend or will not be competing in all their events this needs to be discussed with Mr Goldsbrough to ensure replacements can be organised ASAP. Please note ALL students must wear the College swimwear. This can be purchased from the Canteen. All students will receive a College swimming cap on the day to wear whilst competing.

**MISA**
This week we had a collection of victories in MISA. Our Years 8-9 Boys’ Basketball had a convincing win 19-4. Other wins included the Years 7-9 Girls and Boys’ Volleyball teams as well as our Senior Boys’ Oz-Tag who remain undefeated for the season. Next week in MISA we play St Benedict’s. As a result only the Oz Tag and Basketball Teams will compete. Cricket and Volleyball will remain at the College and train.

**Mr Mark Goldsbrough**
Secondary Sports Coordinator

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Grevillea Flag Raising Ceremony will be held **TOMORROW** at the second half of lunch. All students in Grevillea house may wear their maroon polo shirt for the day to celebrate their win at the swimming carnival!
We are again collecting food to be made into meals for local families. Please see the list below:

- Rice - Basmati or long grain
- Dried instant mashed potatoes
- Tinned tomatoes, crushed/diced/whole
- Tinned beans eg cannellini, five bean mix
- Tinned vegetables eg mushrooms, corn
- Tomato paste
- Cooking sauces eg Chicken Tonight products, Kantong
- Coconut milk
- Curry pastes eg Thai, Indian
- Vegetable/olive oil
- Gravy mix
- Vegeta/vegetable stock powder

Gift vouchers or cash for Woolworths or Coles (to be used to purchase meat and poultry). You are also welcome to drop food items into the Office.

Mrs Lynnette Buick
Food Drive Organiser
WOLLONGONG COSTAL MANAGEMENT FIELD STUDY (10G)

On Friday, 6 March the 10 Grace class will travel to Wollongong for their Coastal Management Field Study. This Field Study is a mandatory part of their Geography course and is linked to their first assessment task. (Students in 10 Faith and 10 Hope will undertake this excursion in Semester 2). 10 Grace will be visiting a number of sites during the day. Initially we will stop at the Mt Keira lookout, then we will travel on to Fairy Meadow Beach and finally to the Harbour front and Flagstaff Hill precinct.

Students must wear their summer College sports uniform. It is recommended they bring their College tracksuit jacket. A permission note has been distributed to students. We will depart the College at 8.20 am and return by 2.30 pm.

It promises to be a great day.

COMMERCE EXCURSION TO CAMPBELLTOWN COURT HOUSE

As part of their studies of the ‘Law in Action’, the Year 9 and 10 Commerce classes will be travelling to the Campbelltown Court House. The visit will develop and richly enhance the students understanding of our legal system and how it functions.

This excursion has been made possible through the support of four parents and I would like to express my sincere gratitude to them: Mrs Harris, Ms Brereton, Mrs Thain and Mr Bethune.

Please note that the excursion will take place on two separate days. This is due to a limitation set by the Court on the size of groups which visit it.

The Year 9 class plus eight nominated students from the Year 10 class will undertake their excursion on Thursday, 5 March. The remainder of the Year 10 class will undertake their excursion on Friday, 20 March.

Travel plans will be the same for both days.
- Students need to meet at Tahmoor Train Station at 7.30 am for a 7.49 am train to Campbelltown.
- Students will arrive back at Tahmoor Train Station at 2.58 pm for parent/carer pick-up.

Train fares will be covered by the College Service Fee. Permission notes need to be returned by Thursday, 26 February.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the College. I am really looking forward to what promises to be an enriching experience.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2015 – SUNDAY, 1 MARCH

On Sunday, 1 March we will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day once again. We will be cleaning up a local site in Bargo (meet at the corner of Tylers and Silica Road) from 9.00 am to 11.00 am.

The CUAD website reports that last year, thanks to an estimated 572,406 volunteers we cleaned up 15,708 tonnes at 7,140 sites across Australia.

I invite you to be a part of this year’s crew. You may participate as a family or as a student. Please note that volunteers 15 years and under need to have consent to participate and be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

You must register online to be a part of this. Go to http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/join/ and search for ‘Registered Sites’ in Bargo. Once you have registered, you need to let me know that you are participating.

I really hope you can join me in doing something that counts.

Mr Jay Hart
(Secondary Teacher)
CALL FOR ARTISTS TO EXHIBIT

A call to artists interested in having their art work showcased, digitally mapped and projected onto key Picton buildings as part of the IlluminARTe Wollondilly Festival (Saturday, 11 April). This invitation is open to all students and adults.

The opportunity:
No absolute guarantees that your image or whole of image will be used, however, if you wish to provide a high resolution picture (300 DPI) of one or more of your art works (painting, printmaking, sculpture, drawing, photography) I will forward it to the Digital Projection team for their further consideration. (The team: Khaled Sabsabi, Jerome Pearce, David Kirkpatrick internationally and nationally recognised with awards)
You may choose to photograph a section of your artwork that you find interesting or send a picture of the resolved works and let the team decide what works best for the digital mapping and projection.

Timeline: You have until Friday, 27 February 2015 to provide your images.

If you enjoyed VIVID in Sydney, here is your chance to see your artistic endeavours similarly projected within the region of Wollondilly, Picton.
A very, very exciting opportunity. Let me know if you are interested.
Please send digital files to Mrs Taylor to forward onto the Council at b.taylor@wac.nsw.edu.au or you can email them to Rob Moran at the Wollondilly Shire Council office rob.moran@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

ARTEXPRESS AND POP TO POPISM AT THE ART GALLERY OF NSW

On Wednesday, 18 February Year 11 and 12 Visual Arts students visited the Art Gallery of NSW to view two exhibitions, ArtExpress and Pop to Popism.

ArtExpress is an annual exhibition featuring a selection of outstanding student artworks developed for the art-making component of the HSC examination in Visual Arts in NSW. It includes a broad range of approaches and expressive forms, including ceramics, collection of works, documented forms, drawing, graphic design, painting, photomedia, printmaking, sculpture, textiles and fibre, and time-based forms. The students were all very impressed with the quality and quantity of the artworks exhibited.

Pop to Popism takes over the Gallery with more than 200 works exploring the origins of pop art, its heady high period and its enduring legacy both in Australia and abroad. Pop art exploded onto the cultural scene in the early 1960s as a new generation of artists rebelled against ‘high art’ to embrace the world of advertising, film stars, pop music and consumerism. Our students not only engaged in viewing the artworks but also enjoyed the free ‘Roy Lichtenstein Can’ drawing workshop and the ‘Andy Warhol Marilyn Monroe giant twister games’.

Mrs Belinda Taylor
Art Teacher
GOOD REASONS WHY YOUR CHILD SHOULD STUDY MUSIC

As you may have gathered from previous Waratah Weeklies I am writing a series of articles on the benefits of learning a musical instrument for your child. The following article is from the Music Council of Australia by Dr Richard Letts. Please take the time to read it and invest in your child’s academic and musical future. Please call or email me should you wish to discuss the article further.

The earlier a child ... comes to grips with music, the more the brain growth will be influenced. It sets them up for life.

Good reasons why your child should study music. At a glance:
- Kids who study music from an early age can do better at a range of subjects.
- Children who play music learn there are rewards from hard work, practice and discipline.
- Playing a musical instrument helps develop kids’ creative thinking and motor skills.
- Music helps kids become more active listeners.
- It can also enhance their health and wellbeing and increase their stamina.

Research shows the benefits of studying music and playing an instrument can be substantial.
- "There are a great many reasons why children should learn to play music," says Dr Richard Letts, the executive director of the Music Council of Australia.
- "If a child studies music constantly over a period of time, they do better in school in all sorts of ways, including academically and socially." Music can support kids’ school work.
- Children who study music from an early age can do better at a range of subjects such as maths, science, arts and language, Richard says. They also learn that there are rewards from hard work, practice, and discipline.
- "If a person is engaged in making music, the brain will grow to support the activity as it would for any activity – but in the case of music it appears other abilities also increase. The consequence is that children who study music have an accelerated learning in other academic subjects," he says.
- "The earlier a child ... comes to grips with music, the more the brain growth will be influenced. It sets them up for life."

Richard points to an American publication Champions of Change –
- The Impact of the Arts on Learning. It presents reports from teams of researchers that examined a range of arts education programs and their impact on learning and socialisation.
- The reports show learning to read music with its concepts of time, rhythm and pitch, seemed to have a direct effect on a child's ability at maths.
- One study showed clear links between sustained involvement in music and theatre, and success in maths & reading, particularly for kids from disadvantaged backgrounds. Key findings included:
  - Year 8 students who were involved in arts were more likely to do better academically than those who had a low level of arts education.
  - By Year 12, the likelihood of better academic performance was even greater.
  - All students who were involved in music were more likely to excel at maths than other students.
  - Students from low socioeconomic backgrounds who studied music were twice as likely to excel in maths as students from low socioeconomic backgrounds who didn’t study music.

There are other benefits too says Margaret Bradley, a music expert with the NSW Department of Education and Communities.
- "Playing in a group, working together and developing negotiation skills are complex processes you have to work through to build a certain confidence," she says.
- "Playing an instrument is also a physical thing. It develops fine motor skills, the kind of motor skills you need to have to become a surgeon for example."
- It can also enhance a child’s overall health and wellbeing, and increase stamina, she says.
- "The same focus and discipline is needed to play an instrument or participate in athletics."

More benefits for kids who play music:
- Children learn to embrace other cultures through their music.
- It develops teamwork and shared goals.
- The overall experience of listening to music is dramatically enhanced.
- Music can assist active listening, which is beneficial in a range of things from taking part in conversations to building more satisfying friendships.
- Children can also explore emotions through music, which may help them better understand who they are.

Get your child involved in Music to give them the best chance at fully achieving and realising their goals. The College provides the opportunity for many amazing journeys to begin, what will be your child’s musical story?

Please call or email Mr Denley if you wish to discuss your child’s musical journey.

Mr Simon Denley
Creative Arts Coordinator
COLLEGE WORKING BEE - SATURDAY, 7 MARCH

Our first Working Bee for 2015 will be taking place on Saturday, 7 March from 8.00 am till 4.00 pm. We would love to have you join us here at the College. For those of you who are new to our College, it is a good way to be a part of the greater College community, meeting and working side by side whilst having some great fellowship with other parents and students. It also helps to get some of the things done around the place which we don’t normally have the time for. Some of these jobs are:

- A big job due to the rain we have had is the weeding and tidying up of all our garden areas around the College.
- Our Olive Farm needs cleaning up around the trees by some people using brushcutters.
- Mulch can be added to the gardens
- The College carpark gutters can be swept to rid them of leaves which can then be put on the gardens as compost.
- The cover team will be covering some books with Mrs Saint John in the Flynn 2 classroom from 9.00 am.
- A great job for the kids is the picking up of papers around our field.
- There is a Tree fallen across our fire trail. Someone with chainsaw experience can clean this up for us.

Between now and then there could be more jobs found that need attending to so don’t forget to bring your gardening tools, gloves and anything else you think might help on the day. We always have a great time at our Working Bees so come along and be a part of the action to help keep our College looking great.

As always a luscious Morning Tea will be provided by the Wollondilly Anglican Community Church and a BBQ lunch will be provided by the P&F.

Mr Fred Schroder
Property Manager

MUSICAL WORKING BEE - SATURDAY, 7 MARCH

At the upcoming College Working Bee, there will be an opportunity for students and their families to contribute to the production of sets for the College Musical. This will be taking place in the Art room.

There may also be an opportunity for parents to help with construction of sets. We would love to have as many sets as possible painted on this day.

MUSICAL

On Monday at musical rehearsal students refined the first scene, adding choreography to their existing stage blocking and movement. They then rehearsed the songs from the show with Mr Grant. Mrs Talbot and "Mrs Darbus" worked on blocking and intonation of the next scene, Darbus’ classroom, and the other students involved in that scene should prepare for that next week.

We will also be looking at all scenes up to and including ‘Get Your Head In The Game’. In addition, the whole cast should be working on learning the songs covered this week with Mr Grant.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Musical Director
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 assist in the spread of the Gospel amongst the people of Arnhem Land
- To offer assistance and support to our hard working missionaries, Craig and Red Fulton

**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 Years 10 or 11 at Wollondilly Anglican College.
- Students 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.

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**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](http://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](http://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.

Mr Michael Cassidy  
Secondary Teacher
Wheels @ Wollondilly
The 2nd Annual Wheels @ Wollondilly Car Show is on Saturday, 9 May from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. This year will be even bigger. Spectator entry is $5.00 per car with all kids activities free after entry. The hugely popular Pee Wee will be back with his crazy collection of modified scooters for the kids to test. A professional face painter will recreate everything from favourite kids characters to Wolverine scars.

New this year are electric go karts and electric replica BMW motor vehicles for young drivers to test their skill on a specially designed course. The rocker cover races are on again. How is your design coming along? Will you be the fastest in 2015 and take home the huge trophy?

A delicious array of food and great musical entertainment will be available as you meander through a huge array of classic cars, trucks, service vehicles and bikes.

We do need helpers to make this event possible. Please complete the volunteer registration form inserted in this Waratah Weekly and return to the office asap. Any time you can spare is greatly appreciated.

W@W Committee

Parents’ and Friends’ Association (P&F)
A reminder that you are warmly invited to come along to the P&F AGM on Monday, 9 March, 7.00 pm in the Admin Building.

Positions vacant:
- President
- Vice President
- Advertising Coordinator
- Sponsorship Coordinator
- Merchandise Coordinator

If you are interested in a coordinator position, please contact Danielle Turner on pandfpresident@wac.nsw.edu.au or 0422973082.

Please register your ability to help at an event on the inserted volunteer form and return to the College Office.

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 Tea Time
- 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).
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.

**Tahmoor/Bargo Cubs:** Boys and Girls welcome! Monday night 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm (7.5 years to 11 years old). For more information please contact Phil Norton 4681 8811

**Wollondilly Redbacks Junior AFL Club - 2015 Player Registrations:** We are currently seeking players for the 2015 season to play on Sundays! We field teams in the following age groups. Under 9’s, 10’s, 11’s, 13’s and 15’s. We also run an AFL Auskick Clinic for kids aged 4 and up on Sunday Mornings. For additional information please phone David on 0408 492 144 or email www.wollondillyafl.org.au redbacksaf@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

We would love for you to join us in celebration at our Youth Mass on Sunday, 21, March at St Anthony's Catholic Parish in Tahmoor. Opportunities for youth to participate in the choir, band ensemble, reading and offertory procession is available. Come along this week and be a part of it. If you have any questions please contact Julie 4683 3575

**Tahmoor Presbyterian Church** are holding **“Welcome Wednesdays!”** between 10.00 am - 12.00 pm (held on the last Wednesday of the month), come along for a free cuppa, purchase second hand clothes, rest and relax! For more information please call 4681 0702

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Please Note that this page is a service to the Community and items advertised do not necessarily carry the endorsement of the College. The College tries to be selective with what is advertised but cannot take responsibility. Please look into events advertised carefully.

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**WAC SPORTING CHAMPION!**

Congratulations to our very own Mrs Judith Rigg who competed in the NSW Masters Athletics and won the following medals - 1st 60m, 1st 100m, 2nd 200m and 2nd 400m! What an amazing effort!!

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

**Canteen Roster:**

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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

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”. Mark 8:34

Being a follower of Jesus is wonderful and challenging at the same time. The best way to really enjoy the richness of a life made whole in him is to put it completely in his hands. To use an old cliche, it means letting go and letting God. Like trusting a parachute, it only makes sense if you jump.
This week’s Pretend Headmaster Sienna Bullock (KC) reminds us to be sun smart and wear a hat!

Prayer Points

Thank God
- For the faithful life of John Lambert.
- For the College Staff who dedicate their time to providing opportunities for our students and families.
- For His rich providence in the Stage 7 building which is nearing completion
- That He watches over us – and never blinks

Ask God
- That the legacy of the pioneers for the new Sydney Anglican Schools for a God-honouring education will not fade with time
- That He will continue to provide the leadership here to carry on that legacy.
- For His wisdom in future planning

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