The battle is on again for the hearts and minds of parents wishing to send their students to an Independent school like this one. Angry voices challenge the established norms. “Why should faith based schools be able to select staff of that faith? Why should parents of a faith be able to choose to have their children educated in that faith (in a tolerant and multicultural Australia?). Our way is better!”

Schools like ours sometimes take the back foot, defending our position against the angry voices who argue for change. Why should we? Follow their argument through. If Christian schools cannot select Christian staff then they soon lose their reason for being. The angry voices win. All schools are the same and faith based education is diluted or lost. Schools will offer one choice – the choice of the angry voices.

Patrick Parkinson AM is a Professor of Law at the University of Sydney. He is one of the founders of Freedom4Faith. He defends parental choice -

Extract: “When we live and let live, and accept we have different moral values and beliefs about life, we respect each other’s freedom. That freedom extends to how we educate our children. The basic human right of freedom of religion includes the right of parents to educate their children in accordance with their faith and values. In Australia, governments fund a great diversity of private schools on a non-discriminatory basis. In a large city like Sydney there are religious schools of many different kinds, as well as schools with strong ethnic associations. Australia has long supported parental choice”.

That tolerance, which has served Australia so well and for so long, is threatened by a small activist group of lawyers who don’t seem to accept my right to hold different values. Often, they are noisy, aggressive and self-righteous. Anyone who disagrees with them is a ‘bigot’. Their writings bristle with contempt for serious opinions that are different from their own. Their trump card is ‘discrimination’. Those schools, for example, which want to select – or give preference to – staff who adhere to the faith with which the school is associated are just seeking the right to ‘discriminate’ against people who do not adhere to that faith. For goodness sake, could the ‘human rights’ lobby just show a little respect for the human rights of us for who faith is really important? All people of faith ask for is that in their schools, organisations and other activities, they be allowed to adhere to their values. It is in accordance with international human rights principles that people be allowed to enjoy their religion, culture and language. That is not discriminating against others. It is just basic application of the right of freedom of association. It is counter-productive, and deeply antithetical to democratic values, for this small group of noisy activists to try to use law to force people to believe the same thing as they do”.

As a dad, I appreciated the choice to be able to send my kids to a school that supported the beliefs and values that Roslyn and I thought were important at home. There was a cost to that choice. One reassurance was that, despite issues that arose from time to time, there was a consistent platform for my kids to build their ethics, morals and character around. Looking back, it was worth the investment.

Where is freedom if the freedom for schools to choose is removed so that parents lose the freedom to choose as well?
Parents and students are invited to attend our second Term Service on Friday, 19 June. The service will begin promptly at 7.00 pm in the Clifford Warne Auditorium. Reverend Warren Hicks will be our guest speaker. We will be entertained by the wonderful Stage 2 Choir and the College Vocal Ensemble. In addition, we will be collecting food items to help Wollondilly families, experiencing hard times. While attendance is an agreement at enrolment, it is hoped that you will enjoy this opportunity to meet as a community to worship our amazing God.

Food Drive packages are being put together for families to help with special treats: see list below:

- Cake mixes
- Nut free muesli bars
- Biscuits
- Crackers
- Sultanas and dried fruit mini boxes
- Chips (multi packs)
- Cheese sticks
- Roll ups
- LCM bars
- Tubs of fruit
- Tiny Teddies multi packs
- Shapes multi packs
- Cheese and Biscuits/ Vegemite and Biscuits/ Le Snacks

Mrs Carolyn Clark
Term Service Organiser
Important Dates

- Junior Formal Assembly - Thursday, 18 June
- Year 9-12 Chapel - Monday, 22 June
- Year 3-12 SRC Lunch - Monday, 22 June
- Senior Formal Assembly - Wednesday, 24 June

Operation Christmas Child
Throughout this term in the Pastoral Care Period, all of the children across the College have been looking at service. The unit was used to highlight the missions that are supported by the College as part of Foundation Day and to provide students with an opportunity to be involved in a service project.

To this end, the College is undertaking a project that involves filling shoe boxes, as part of ‘Operation Christmas Child’ and the Samaritan’s Purse organisation. The shoe boxes will be shipped to countries in the Third World and will provide gifts for children who may otherwise receive nothing at Christmas.

All students are encouraged to participate in the initiative and will work as a member of a group in their House groups in T-4, Roll Call groups 5-8 and some select groups from Year 9-10 will be involved. The organisation Samaritan’s Purse will provide the College with shoe boxes to be filled. These will arrive at the College this week. In the Pastoral period on Monday, 22 June students are asked to bring in one item to assist to fill the shoe box that their group is working on. Students will be placed into groups of six students, each with the responsibility for a specific category of gift for the box. Students will be asked to record the category of gift that they are assigned in their diaries and then have a look at what options they might select from this category. The items to be placed in the box cannot be second hand goods.

Some ideas to include in the shoe box and more information about the program can be found at the following link: http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/

Below is a list of the categories and some examples of the types of gifts that could be selected

**SOMETHING TO WEAR**: t-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals.
**SOMETHING TO LOVE**: teddy bear, doll, soft toy
**SOMETHING SPECIAL**: carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits
**SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL**: exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk.
**SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH**: tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind-up torch.
**SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE**: soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hair-clips.

The College will be using some of the money from Foundation Day to sponsor shipping containers that will assist in the delivery of these gifts to the very needy in our world.

Mr Liam Toland
Acting Deputy Headmaster /
**PRIMARY STAFF CHANGES AS OF TERM 3**

Next term will see some changes to staffing in the Primary.

Mrs Tania Simmons will be taking maternity leave as of the beginning of Term 4.

To enable a more consistent year we have made the decision to place Mrs Elizabeth Gulevksi on Year 1 as of the beginning of Term 3. Mrs Simmons and Mrs Gulevski will both be available at parent teacher interviews.

Mrs Gulevski is well known to the students as she has been teaching RFF this year.

Mrs Simmons will be taking RFF in Term 3.

I will be taking long service leave from 22 July until the end of Term 3. 6 Hope will be taught by Mr Daniel Favretti.

Mr Favretti will stay with us and teach RFF in Term 4 when Mrs Simmons begins maternity leave.

Mr Michael Matthews will be Acting Director of Teaching and Learning. His email address is m.matthews@wac.nsw.edu.au. Should parents have any concerns they need to discuss with him.

**Ms Jacqui Huxtable**  
**Director of Teaching and Learning T-6**
VISITORS FROM JAPAN

We are delighted to announce that we will be welcoming a group of 10 students from Sukagawa High School in Japan from 6 to 8 August 2015. The group is part of a study tour arranged by VS Oceania, a company who specialise in student exchanges between Australian and Japanese high schools.

The students will be boys and girls, aged between 14 to 17 years of age. They have been learning English since Kindergarten. They will arrive late afternoon on Thursday, 6 August to meet their host families for their first night’s stay. On Friday, 7 August, they will spend the day here at College, before returning to their host family for the second night of their stay. On the morning of Saturday, 8 August they will depart.

We are therefore looking for five families who would like to host two students for this two night stay. All you need to provide are comfy beds (sharing a room is fine), three meals a day and transport to/from College. You will receive an allowance of $45.00 per student per night.

We are so excited to be taking part in this excellent student exchange program and look forward to hearing from College families who are interested in joining with us.

If you would like further information on becoming a host family, please contact Lorna Harper, Acting Development Manager, on l.harper@wac.nsw.edu.au or at the College Office.

Mrs Lorna Harper
Acting Development Manager
SECONDARY MATTERS

Year 11 2016 Subject Selection Night
Thank you to all the parents who attended the Information Night on Tuesday night. This week parents and caregivers of Year 10 students should receive an email with a web code for accessing the Edval website: https://web.edval.com.au

Choosing a right Mathematics course can be difficult and Mr Hicks has suggested the following website as a good source of information:

Students need to choose one of the English subjects and six primary choices. Please make sure they are in order of preference. Then choose four ‘back up’ subjects. Once students have made their choices, go to the Edval website and record their choices.

The order is important. Once Mr Croger has all of the choices for all students, he works his computer magic to determine the best combination of lines for all students. Unfortunately, there are always clashes. If two choices end up on the same line, students will be allocated their higher preference. Then, they will be allocated one of their back up choices to complete their subject lines. So, the order is very important.

Choices are requested by Friday, 19 June.

Year 9 2016 Information Night – 23 June - 7.00 pm (Week 10)
Just so Year 8 parents are aware, Subject Selection Night is in the last week of term. It is expected that Year 8 students will receive their Subject Selection Information Booklet at the start of Week 9. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Class Changes in Secondary
At the end of this semester there is an opportunity to review the class placements in Years 7-10. There is the potential for students to be moved due to their academic performance or for pastoral reasons. Parents should note that their child’s position in the Grace class is not permanently guaranteed. Students need to work to a high standard to maintain a position in the Grace class. Parents will be notified if their child is going to be moved.
The Term 2 Term Service will take place on Friday, 19 June. All students and parents are encouraged to attend Term Service as this is a great opportunity to come together in a time of worship. As always a great program has been prepared and it is our hope that all who attend will be encouraged as a result of coming along.

Some reminders in the lead-up to Term Service:

1. Student leaders and those involved in the Term Service need to arrive at 6.30 pm to assist with ensuring all aspects of Term Service are ready to commence at 7.00 pm.

2. Students are asked to sit with their parents at all times during the service. It is important that everyone is reminded that this is a college event and that it is important to be respectful of the students, staff and speakers whilst the service is taking place.

3. Any student who is attending the service without their parents for a particular reason, must sit in the designated section with staff to assume the supervision that would be provided by a parent. This should not be necessary, in most cases as parents are encouraged to attend and supervise students throughout the service.

4. Please have a look at the information provided in the Waratah Weekly regarding the Food Drive that takes place in conjunction with Term Service. Please support this by bringing along an item on the list. Each item donated will earn a point toward your House group which will be added to the Overall House Shield. The House Captains or representatives from each House will be on hand with tubs marked with the House names on them to donate the goods.

Mr Liam Toland
Acting Deputy Headmaster/Pastoral Care Coordinator T-12
NEWS FROM THE INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRES

Scholastic Book Club:
All orders are now back in the College and have been distributed to students. Please let me know directly if there are any queries.

Premier’s Reading Challenge:
Many students are well on the way to completing their PRC for the year. As part of their wide reading program, students in Year 8 English 3 are participating and working towards a class goal of a special morning tea if the entire class can complete the 20 book challenge. It is not too late to sign up. Any students who still wish to enter the challenge can see me and get a password.

Have you seen what is happening in Flynn?
Mr Madden’s Design and Technology Year 11 class completed their projects on ‘Making a toy for a young child’. All the toys were amazing and they are on display in the middle of the Flynn IRC. Transition came to visit and tested out the toys. They had a great time.

Mrs Louise Saint-John
IRC Coordinator

AUF DUTSCH BITTE!

Year 8 sampled a traditional German breakfast of cold meats, cheese and bread on Wednesday, 10 June. Special thanks to Thomas Croucher, Georgi Saint John-Viney, Murray Jobbins and David Clark, who served and spoke German to our Year 8 students. Year 8 are to be congratulated for their willingness to use their German speaking skills and to try new foods.

Remember "Monolingualism is curable. Learn a second language!"

Mrs Carolyn Clark
Language Teacher
NSWCIS Primary Cross Country 2015
This Thursday, six of our WAC students who head to Eastern Creek to compete. It will be a great opportunity for our NASSA representatives, Thomas Chell, Ella Nance, Jayde Gitto, Kloe Cartisano, Isabelle Robertson and James Jones. We look forward to hearing about your results soon.

Primary Athletics Training 2015
This Friday will be the start of Discus Throwing for four weeks. Thanks to Year 7 student, Kirra Bennett-Smith, who helps me coach the group each week. Please meet Mr. Wayne in front of Elizabeth at the start of Lunch 1 with your lunch. This program is for anyone in Years 3-6. All students selected for NASSA are also encouraged to come along for practice.

WAC Primary Athletics Carnival 2015
A wonderful blue sky and crisp day greeted our students for the annual full day carnival. Well done to all competitors who went in every event. Well done to Sollya who were first in the primary section.
Our WAC Primary Athletics Age Champions 2015 are:
8/9 Years Boys: Nat Carroll
8/9 Years Girls: Ella Nance
10 Years Boys: Lucas Hollingworth
10 Years Girls: Cheyanne Allen
11 Years Boys: Heath Kerr
11 Years Girls: Kloe Cartisano
12 Years Boys: Brett Harriman
12 Years Girls: Isabelle Robertson

The next level is NASSA Primary Athletics at Campbelltown Stadium on Thursday 20 August 2015. Students will be told soon if they have made the WAC team for this carnival. All students can come along every Friday at lunchtime to train for their event with our Athletics Program. Please email me if you require any further information on d.wayne@wac.nsw.edu.au

WAC T-2 Athletics Carnival 2015
It's that time to grab the joggers and get ready for the annual carnival. This will be held at the College front oval area, Friday, 19 June 2015, starting from 11.30 am. Parents and friends are very welcome to come and cheer on this special event.

Mr Darren Wayne
Primary Sports Coordinator 2015
PRIMARY COLLEGE SPORT AND IPSSO

We had some mixed results against Broughton this week. The senior Newcombe ball team continue their dominance. The AFL team recorded their first victories whilst the Junior soccer boys drew and were unlucky not to take away 3 points. All the other teams had narrow defeats.

Next week is the final IPSSO game for the Term. We will be playing Oran Park Anglican College at WAC.

Oran Park is new to the competition, so only Netball and Soccer will have games. Other teams will be training. Junior games will start at 12.20 pm and Senior games will start at 1.10 pm.
SECONDARY SPORT

MISA
Round 6 of MISA was played this week against Macarthur Anglican School. It was a tough afternoon of sport with no team registering a win despite a few very close games. Next week is the last round of competition which will be played against John Therry. The following week (Week 10) will be a finals round to determine the finishing places. Hopefully we can get a few victories towards the end of the season.

AICES Cross Country
Congratulations to Regan Boyle of Year 8 who competed at the AICES Cross Country Carnival last Thursday. He has gained selection into the CIS carnival which will be held at Eastern Creek today (Thursday, 11 June). Please congratulate him on a fantastic achievement.

WAC Athletics Carnival
I would like to make a special mention to each of our Year 7 and 8 students who participated in last week’s Secondary Athletics Carnival. After looking through the results it was astonishing to see how many students participated in each of the events. The majority of students in these years had a go in at least one or more event on the day. Each student scored valuable points for their respective houses and contributed towards a fantastic atmosphere of involvement and encouragement of other athletes.

NASSA Secondary Athletics Carnival
NASSA Athletics will take place on Thursday 25 June (Week 10). Students should receive a permission note by the end of this week. Can all students please check what events they have gained selection in and return their note in Week 9. If a student cannot participate in an event or knows they will be absent on the day they MUST inform Mr Goldsbrough to ensure a replacement can be organised. Parents are welcome to attend on the day.

Upcoming events:
NASSA Secondary Athletics – 25 June (Week 10)
Term 3 MISA Trials – 23 June (Week 10)
NASSA Soccer (football) Gala Day – 3 August (Term 3)
AICES Athletics – 21 August (Term 3)

Mr Mark Goldsbrough
Secondary Sports Coordinator
MUSICAL

Cast are reminded of the upcoming holiday rehearsals (Week 2 of holidays. Monday-Friday, 6-10 July). Rehearsals will run every day from 9.00 am - 4.30 pm in the College Auditorium. There will be no canteen facilities so students will need to bring their own food and drink to sustain them. Please remember that we are a nut aware College when preparing food for your child. It is an expectation that all cast members attend all rehearsals. Students must also dress in appropriate rehearsal clothes. Normal mufti day rules apply.

Stage crew are also expected to attend each rehearsal from Monday, 6 July. Stage crew is popular this year which has allowed us to explore more roles. Students have received a note explaining the options and jobs will be allocated on a first-in, best dressed basis.

Students should have returned their cast hoodie order form to the office with money already.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Secondary Teacher (English, Drama, History)
On Sunday, 21 June our Band, String Ensemble and Choir are performing as part of the Winter Music Concert at St Mark’s Church in Picton. The Concert starts at 2.30 pm in wonderful acoustics of St Mark’s Church. Many local musicians are performing and it should prove to be a great afternoon of music. Our Band String and Choir members are asked to be at the Church by 2.00 pm. Audience members are asked to be seated by 2.25 pm for a 2.30 pm start.

Please come along and enjoy a great afternoon of music, worship and seeing our wonderful musicians perform at a great local venue. Hope to see you there.

Mr Simon Denley  
Creative Arts and LOTE Co-ordinator

Scarves, gloves, soccer socks and excursion bags are available for purchase from the canteen.

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If anyone is available to help out on the days noted ‘Help needed’ please let me know.

We now have tubs of plain sugar free yoghurt for sale at $2.00. It is delicious!
New to the menu are pods of plain yoghurt with muesli on top $2.50 (this yoghurt has sugar in it)
RED DAYS will be Wednesday, 17 June and Wednesday, 24 June, so start saving your money!!

Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy!

Mrs Carolyn Richards  
Canteen Supervisor
COMMUNITY

- 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. Please continue to contact Mrs Hay at the College or Mrs Buick, to assist. Confidentiality will be respected when requested.

- **Little Elves - Vacation Care**
  Do you need vacation care for the school holidays? We offer a service that is approved for Childcare Rebate and Childcare Benefits. During the July school holidays some of our excursions are bowling, laser tag, science show and Symbio Wildlife Park. If you have any questions or would like to enrol contact Jennifer from Little Elves OOSH, 0418 814 031.

- **Football South Coast—WIN Network School Holiday Clinics**
  Outdoor Clinic, Goal Keeper Clinic and Futsal Clinic. Classes available during School holidays. Got to www.footballsouthcoast.com for more details or phone the office 4285 6929.

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.
Wollondilly Anglican Community Church (WACC)

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

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds... But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death. Colossians 1:21-22

I watched a Dr Who episode recently, in which Kylie Minogue used a forklift to sacrifice her life in order to destroy the evil that was about to destroy the earth. I know that’s an interesting image, but it sounded very familiar. This concept has been used many times in fiction because the reality of Jesus dying to reconcile us with God is just so good. Enjoy the copies as entertainment, but look to the original for hope.

Mark your Diary!

Friday, 19 June Term Service
27 July - 1 August Musical
Saturday, 5 September Working Bee
Saturday, 12 September WAC Country Fair

HEADMASTERLY HAPPENINGS

June

Thursday 11 2016 Student Enrolment Interviews K-12
Junior Chapel
Staff Meeting
Friday 12 2016 Student Enrolment Interviews K-12
Sydney Anglican Schools Bursars’ meeting
HICES Pastoral Care network meeting
Monday 15 Secondary Assembly
Building Site Meeting – Stage 8 – English / German / Dance / Drama / Support
2016 Student Enrolment Interviews K-12
(Evening) Parents and Friends Executive
(Evening) Parents and Friends meeting
Tuesday 16 Visit WAC Dance Company at MISA Music Festival
2016 Student Enrolment Interviews K-12
Wednesday 17 Primary Assembly
2016 Student Enrolment Interviews K-12
(Evening) State of Origin 2
Thursday 18 Junior Formal Assembly
2016 Student Enrolment Interviews K-12
Friday 19 Primary Performance Assembly
2016 Student Enrolment Interviews K-12
Term Service
Saturday 20 Church Function
Thank God

- For the freedom we enjoy (and sometimes take for granted) in this great country.
- That He has continued to bless this College so lavishly.

Ask God

- That we may continue to enjoy the right to have a choice on our kids’ education.
- That He will give us clear direction in the selection of staff for 2016.
- That He will continue to bless our country.

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.