God never blinks

Foundation Headmaster Dr Stuart Quarmby

The Day the Voices Die

We live in a tolerant society. It is based on a Christian heritage. This does not ensure perfect harmony; after all, we are just as imperfect as the next person; but Australia is tolerant – especially when rated against other faith based nations or those with an atheist tradition.

As our society takes for granted those things that took their origins in Christianity like a “fair go” (love one another as I have loved you), opinion pieces abound in high browed reaction to the Christian message. For instance, Keith Cornish tells us that “Atheists maintain that the concept of humankind having a unique supernatural ‘soul’ is simply a primitive notion which has no basis in fact and that religious organisations are guilty of perpetrating a colossal fraud on ignorant and gullible people.” Atheists expose such fraud by reminding us that we are a product of time, chance and nothing; that we are born and we die without purpose or meaning; that there is no right and no wrong (When I hear this I always wonder why they lock their doors); that emotions such as love, remorse, regret, forgiveness are simply mechanisms for survival.

But on one day of the year, their voice falls silent. Did you guess Christmas? – the birth of a new hope for all – the baby in a manger who grew to the age of 33 and the message that he brought of restoration and God’s plan for our lives. I think not. Christmas is actually peak time for Atheists to raise their voices and change the dialogue to stories of sleigh bells, reindeer and Happy Holidays.

Perhaps it is Easter? No – wrong again! This is a prime time to trot out conspiracy theories to explain missing bodies, torn temple veils and suddenly dark skies though none of their crew is quite certain why all the disciples (who were eye witnesses) went to their graves defending a “lie.”

I think it’s Mother’s Day when the Atheists take a break. You see, few people seem ready to be reminded that their mum is just a cosmic fluke – a product of time, chance and nothing. Few believe that a mother’s love is just a survival mechanism or that they wipe those noses and change those nappies as a trade-off for when they are older. When babies are born, mums cry because they love them; mums stand on the sidelines in the rain because they love them; mums say “no” because they love them; mums cry at weddings because they love them. There is nothing that we can do to make mum love us more (though she can be very proud); there is nothing that we can do to make her love us less (though she can be disappointed). It’s almost as if mums are made in the image of God – hey, come to think of it – the Bible tells us exactly that. It make better sense to me that mums are not just a fluke.

A story is told of two university students who had just heard a lecture by sceptic, Robert Ingersoll. One said, “I guess he knocked the props out from under Christianity didn’t he?” the other replied “But Ingersoll did not explain my mum, and until he does, I will stand by her God” – James S. Hewett.

Happy Mother’s Day, Mums
Overall House Shield
In a previous WW article I outlined the current points position based on the award system only. This week we will look at the whole picture that includes carnivals and the food drive combined with the award system.

- Wollemi - 1567
- Grevillea - 1561
- Sollya - 1346
- Acacia - 1297
- Telopea - 1259

With the Athletics Carnivals upcoming and as well as Mission Fundraising, this is another great opportunity to step up for your House and make a contribution. It is really important to ensure that you record all awards issued in the relevant section of the diary, this will ensure that you earn the point for your House that is associated with each point.

K-8 Buddies
Last Friday, 8 May we had the first session of K-8 Buddies for Term 2. This is a time where students from K-8 get to build relationships, have some fun and support each other. It is a great opportunity to promote relationship building across the Junior (T-4) area and the Middle (5-8) area of the College.

Community Service
It has been greatly encouraging to see our students involved in Community Service activities to commence Term 2. The student involvement at ANZAC Day marches and the College Working Bee was very impressive. The College likes to recognise student involvement in Community Service and as such had a draw on the Secondary Assembly on Monday where three students who attended ANZAC Day Services or the Working Bee had their names drawn from a hat to receive an Australian Soccer jersey. This, in conjunction with the merit system is a way that we like to reward student involvement in this very important area of College life.

Year 11 Camp
I would like to commend all Year 11 students who attended Camp last week on their behavior and involvement in this Camp program. It is a unique Camp experience that is very different in many ways to traditional Camp programs. The feedback from students about the experience was overwhelmingly positive.

Year 11 Student Feedback:
“This was the best camp I’ve ever been on. It was so different and challenged the way I think about a lot of things.”

“I really enjoyed the amazing race and my team won. I was so shocked about how close the very rich and the homeless live side by side in Sydney. The Hope Street Mission workshop was really good. I enjoyed the sleep out on the street and learnt a lot from that experience. It was good to be able to put yourselves in the shoes of homeless people to some extent through this experience.”

“I enjoyed the leadership activities and working as a team. It was interesting to see the different people that stepped up in these areas, sometimes it was the people that you wouldn’t normally expect.”

“The Camp challenged my perceptions of homeless people and homelessness. I will not think about these people or issues as I did previously.”

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the work of the staff who attended, both in the lead-up to the Camp and whilst away on the Camp. The College would like to thank them for giving up time away from their families to be involved in this activity.

Mr Liam Toland
Acting Deputy Headmaster / Director of Pastoral Care T-12
Pastoral Care Matters

This term, many of our children will be performing at Formal Assembly (Thursday, 18 June) and Term Service (Friday, 19 June). Stage 2 will also be running Assembly on Friday, 19 June. Further details will be handed out closer to the date indicating which groups will be performing at the Formal Assembly. Stage 2 singing stage group for this term will be singing at Term Service.

This term in Pastoral Care time, all of the classes are looking at service. What does it mean? What does it look like? What does the Bible say about serving others? We have already had some very interesting discussions in our House groups on ways we can serve others here at College, at home and in our community.

Please be reminded parents in order to settle Transition students quickly, we ask for your support that you say a speedy farewell at drop off time in the mornings.

We have also had some children repeatedly not wearing their jackets as part of their uniforms or full track suits on sports days to the College. The mornings are starting to become very cold and so we are asking that all children wear their uniforms properly to and from the College each day. If you have any problems with uniforms, please either write in your child’s diary or send an email to myself.

Camps in the July Holidays

Each holiday period, Crusaders, a Christian organisation which spreads the Gospel in independent schools, run holiday camps. Cru camps run different themed camps for school students for all ages. This coming holiday there are a number of camps for students from Years 3 to 12, including HSC study, Adrenalin and Skiing camps. This year there are also some day camps for students in K-6. If you are interested in any of these holiday activities, there are pamphlets at the front office.

Stuart Mcintosh
Junior Pastoral Care Coordinator

Scarfes and gloves are available for purchase from the Canteen.

Canteen roster:

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

Orchy 350ml juices have been replaced with Orchy 250ml. These are priced at $1.80. Please adjust your menu accordingly.

Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy!

Mrs Carolyn Richards
Canteen Supervisor
SECONDARY MATTERS

1. Year 11 and 12 Reports
All Year 11 and 12 students have had a copy of their reports sent home, which should arrive by Monday. If a copy has not arrived by Monday, please contact Mrs Talbot (Year 12) or Mrs Rigg (Year 11), who will have a spare copy to send home with students on Monday or Tuesday (prior to Parent-Teacher Night).

2. Parent-Teacher Interviews – Years 11 and 12
All Year 11 and 12 parents should have received an email with details on how to book interviews with teachers. Remember – place the teachers in order of preference. For your information, the following will occur in the next week or so prior to the Parent-Teacher Night.

Thursday, 14 May – Last day to book teachers before interviews are calculated.

Friday, 15 May – Interview times are calculated – bookings cannot be made on this day. At 5.00 pm, interview times should be available.

Saturday, 16 May to 1.00 pm Tuesday, 19 May – If teachers have gaps, parents are able to adjust their bookings.

Tuesday, 19 May - 3.30 pm to 8.00 pm – Year 11 & 12 Parent –Teacher Night

FAQ: What if I didn’t receive an email? This is probably because we do not have your current email address. If you call the office, you can request your booking code (and possibly update your email address with the office too!). Go to the website www.edval.com.au/book to make your bookings.

Careers@PTN: Mr Cassidy will have quite a few gaps in his interview timetable on the night, so parents who would like to discuss students careers with him are encouraged to seek him out. Also, during the dinner break, Mr Cassidy will be giving a short talk in the Flynn Amphitheatre about post-HSC pathways.

3. Years 7 to 10 Examinations – Week 5
All students should have received a copy of their timetable (with examination expectations) last week. If they did not receive a copy or have misplaced it, they are encouraged to collect a copy from the office or their Year Patron. Alternatively, the latest version of examination timetables is available for students through Moodle (Timetables – Exam Timetables and Enrol).

With Half Yearly Examinations starting next week, students are encouraged to finalise their preparation. This includes ensuring they have a complete set of notes, practicals, worksheets and whatever else is necessary for study. They should have checked with each teacher what to expect in the examination, in terms of content or topics, as well as the structure of the examination. Using that information, students should have summaries or study notes or flashcards or whatever study technique works best for them. Practice questions using their textbook or maybe examination-style questions are recommended as well.

Dr Andrew Eaton
Acting Director of Studies
MATHS CLUB 2015

For anyone from Years 3 - 6 who loves Maths or wants to learn more about it, this is the place for you! Every Monday at 2nd half lunch, we are going to see how much 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.

Darren Wayne
Primary Sports Coordinator 2015

PROPERTY UPDATE

New Stage 8 Building Construction

Due to our new Stage 7 building works beginning, between Melba and Elizabeth buildings, access through the grass area to the sails area will be blocked off by fencing from Monday, 18 of May. Please use the ramp and steps provided.

We are also setting aside parking spaces adjacent to the new building site for contractors. Vehicles will still have access to Elizabeth and Fred’s Shed but please remember that parking adjacent to the building site area will be at your own risk. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Mr Fred Schroder
Property Manager / WHS Rep
NASSA Primary Cross Country 2015
The top seven students from each age group will be representing WAC at Macarthur Anglican School on Friday, 29 May 2015. A walk of the track commences at 10.15 am and first race starts at 10.55 am. The first races of the day are the 8-9 Years Boys and then the 8-9 Girls. Age groups follow throughout the day. College buses are provided however parents may take students to and from the event. Please return your permission note to me as soon as possible. I can be contacted at d.wayne@wac.nsw.edu.au if you require any further information.

Primary Athletics Training 2015
Happy days as no rain allowed the training to recommence and we completed our 2nd part of Long Jump. Our younger students practised correct jumping technique whilst our older children worked on their run up and take off. Thanks to State Athlete, Kirra Bennett-Smith, who kindly gives up her time to help coach the group. Girls, please remember to bring your shorts. 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.

WAC T-2 Cross Country 2015
An amazing afternoon was held last Friday with the running of the T-2 Cross Country. Fun races, beautiful weather, lots of cheering parents, big smiles, stickers and a certificate was the order of the day. Thank you to Mr Coutts-Smith, the Junior teachers, Mr Schroder and his team on the success of the carnival.

WAC Primary Athletics Carnival 2015
The athletic season is fast approaching so here are some dates to mark in your calendar. Wednesday, 27 May 2015 we will commence with a morning only carnival. This starts at 8.45 am and finishes at 11.40 am due to an IPSSO home game. The events on the morning carnival will be all 100 meter heats and one general event for the age groups to complete. The following Wednesday, 3 June 2015 will be our annual carnival. This will also start at 8.30 am and finish near to 2.00 pm. Two days later, on Friday, 5 June 2015, our celebration of College Foundation Day will showcase an all College relay afternoon after lunch that will showcase Primary and Senior relays.

We do require parental assistance to help run the carnival and a sheet will be sent home soon where you can nominate to help for part or for the whole day with the races. Please contact me at d.wayne@wac.nsw.edu.au if you require any further information.

IPSSO
Trials for our Winter IPSSO teams have now been completed. This season runs over Terms 2 & 3. The sports that students will be competing in are:

- AFL (Mixed)
- Volleyball (Mixed)
- Netball (Girls)
- Soccer (Boys)

Students selected in the AFL team must have mouth guards. Football boots are optional.

Students selected in the soccer teams must have shin pads and green College football socks. Football boots are optional. The first round is at Macarthur Anglican School on Wednesday, 20 May.

Darren Wayne
Primary Sports Coordinator 2015
This Term in College Sport, students will be focusing on improving their athletics skills. Also for the term Gym Active Sports will be running a gymnastics program that will focus on improving fundamental movement skills.

Stuart Houweling  
Primary Teacher

SECONDARY SPORT

Under 18’s CIS Rugby League Trials
Congratulations to Ray Stone and Kye Madden who have been selected to attend the Under 18’s CIS training camp from 23 May – 25 May. If selected, they will then compete at the upcoming Australian Championships. The week long Championships are being held in Wollongong from 5 July -10 July.

MISA
Round 2 of MISA was completed this week against St Patrick’s College. The 10 - 12 Girls' Softball had a 5 - 5 draw, however, both netball teams were defeated by a very strong opposition. All the boys' teams had a valuable training session during sport time to enable them to prepare for future games.

Next week we play St Benedict’s. Both Softball teams have a bye and as a result will train at the College.

NASSA Cross Country
This coming Monday over 60 students will compete at the NASSA Cross Country Carnival. Students are reminded that the bus leaves the College at 7.30 am. Students should aim to arrive by 7.20 am to ensure we depart on time. Full College sports uniform is required. Students out of uniform will not be permitted to represent the College on the day.

Uniform
All students should be now well aware of the expectations in regards to sports uniforms. Please be aware students must have the College sport socks, predominately white shoes and their full tracksuit during Terms 2 and 3. Tights are not permitted. Students involved in certain representative teams may also require additional uniform items such as soccer/football socks and/or football shorts. These additional items can be purchased from the College canteen. Any student in breach of these expectations will receive a uniform warning.

Upcoming events:
- NASSA Cross Country – 18 May
- Under 15’s CIS Rugby League Trials – NEW DATE 20 May
- AICES Touch Football – 21 May
- WAC Secondary Athletics Carnival – 4 June
- AICES Cross Country – 4 June

Mark Goldsborough  
Secondary Sports Coordinator
**Max Potential**

Since the beginning of Term 1, I have been involved in a mentoring programme called Max Potential. I have a local mentor who is helping me to improve myself and achieve my goals in three of the seven F’s (family, fun, firm, finance, faith, fitness and friends). The Max Potential group meets every term at Campbelltown Catholic Club and comprises of approximately 20 students and their mentors, who are volunteering their time away from their jobs from local government, business and schools. I also meet privately with my mentor every three weeks.

One of the main points about Max Potential is that we focus on what's called the MAXIMISERS. Each letter from this corresponds to a core part of our life that we are either great at or ones we can improve on. As part of this program, we will complete a community service program and a personal creative expression, which I am currently working on. In total, Max Potential is an exciting experience, and I am looking forward to more of it over the next two terms.

Jamie Thain
Year 10

**Parents’ & Friends’ News**

**Mother’s Day Stall**
Thank you once again for all our Mums and Nans that came to the College to wrap the gifts and for manning the stall.

Vanessa McPherson
P&F Committee

Arndell Anglican College are holding a Show Jumping and Derby Interschools Day.


- Open to riders in Years K - 12.
- Rider Entry Fee $30.00 + $5.00 admin fee. Entries close Friday, 6 June 2015.
- Gates Open 6.30 am
- Ring Start 8.30 am
- Course Walk 8.00 am

For more information please refer to website: www.arndell.nsw.edu.au/content/equestrian-0
After weeks of rainy weather, Wheels@Wollondilly was blessed with fantastic fine weather for Saturday, 9 May 2015. Over 273 vehicles were in attendance around the beautiful grounds of Wollondilly Anglican College.

Thank you to all those that brought vehicles on the day or visited as a spectator. Thank you also to the following organisations and their volunteer teams:

- Wollondilly Anglican Church
- 1st Tahmoor Scouts
- New South Wales Historic Vehicles
- Wollondilly Shire Council – Dilly Wanderer
- Picton Fire Station
- Shannon’s Insurance
- Rare Spares
- Bosskraft

Thank you to the countless volunteers as, without you, this event would not be the success that it is and growing every year! It is difficult to list everyone who was there on the day so please accept our sincere apologies if your name is not shown here and know how grateful we are for the generous gift of your time at the Show. Thank you to:

Jo Miller, Kirralee Miller, Caleb Miller, Eden Miller, Blair Wade, Joel Witcombe, Keelan Betts, Cameron Denley, Keelan Betts, Fred Schroder and team, Simon Denley and team, Cara Denley and team, Lianne Williams and team, David Williams, Lloyd Grant, Julie Witcombe, Wayne Witcombe, Adam Dobbinson, Sean McKinley, Tracey McKinley, Patrick Schinella, Tony Portelli, Jayne Kelly, Paul Flower, Clayton Carswell, Vic Bassilli, Michael Cassidy, Lisa Maher, Sean McDonagh, Karen Johnson, Lorna Harper, Tristan Betts and team, Kathren Konzen, Tim Van Netten Rhonda Hay, Deborah Cook, Lisa Maher, Chris Dubois, Peter Hay, Stuart Quamby and Louise Burrett.
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

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you. Luke 6:27

Jesus likes to challenge our instincts. While we would be inclined to despise our enemies and retaliate to nastiness, he encourages the opposite. Why? Because it shows what God is like - merciful. And, it shows that our hearts are satisfied with God, so we don’t need revenge. Imagine a world like that.

Mark your Diary!

May
Thursday 14 Macarthur Independent Schools Association Heads meeting at Clancy (Evening) Meeting with the Archbishop of Sydney
Friday 15 SASC Heads Generative Thinking Day at Hurstville
Sunday 17 Heads of Independent Coeducational Schools at Thomas Hassall Anglican College
Monday 18 2016 Student Enrolment Interviews K-12
Tuesday 19 HICES Meeting continues at Thomas Hassall
Wednesday 20 2016 Student Enrolment Interviews K-12 (Evening) Year 11 and 12 Parent Teacher Night
Thursday 21 Meeting in Camden re conference venues Sod Turning event for Youth venue at Mittagong 2016 Student Enrolment Interviews K-12 (Evening) College Council Meeting
Friday 22 2016 Student Enrolment Interviews K-12

MEET THE STAFF

We have now appointed a new Property Staff Member for our College grounds. Please make welcome our newest member Joshua Edwards.

Joshua’s profile:

Where did you grow up? Mount Annan.
Favourite food? Pumpkin Duck from Fan Thai in Camden.
Favourite music? Metalcore / Hardcore / Metal.
Interests? XBOX, guitar, bass, pet dogs, camping, football (soccer), cricket, cooking and coffee.

Wollondilly Anglican Community Church (WACC)
Thank God

- For mums
- That He loves us like a perfect parent – because He is
- For Bernice, Sean and the team who put together such a wonderful Car Show
- For the staff who gave up their time to support our students as supervisors on the camping and DofE programs this year

Ask God

- That the sheer logic of order behind creation may steer hardened hearts in His direction (especially that top-draw creation that is our mums)
- That the steady flow of enrolments for 2016 might continue and to be with those who miss out on a place
- That we may better know Him and His purpose for our lives.

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

*Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.*