Every week our eyes and ears are assailed by the latest horrors from the war against terror. I guess we are all guilty of changing the radio station, turning the page of the newspaper or flicking the TV channel. Yet for the family and friends of 21 Coptic Christians recently, these were more than headlines. Each of the 21 men whose only crime was not to renounce their faith in Christ, had a name. Each was loved.

The Egyptian Bible Society was quick to react. They wrote a poem and started to distribute it via a pamphlet along with some Bible verses to comfort the readers and provide hope in their grief. They could not keep up with demand and before the week was over – one million pamphlets were produced. Here is the poem translated into English –

Two rows of men walked the shore of the sea,
   On a day when the world’s tears would run free,
One a row of assassins, who thought they did right,
   The other of innocents, true sons of the light,
      One holding knives in hands held high,
   The other with hands empty, defenceless and tied,
One row of slits to conceal glaring-dead eyes,
   The other with living eyes raised to the skies,
One row stood steady, pall-bearers of death,
   The other knelt ready, welcoming heaven’s breath,
One row spewed wretched, contemptible threats,
   The other spread God-given peace and rest.

A Question…
Who fears the other?
The row in orange, watching paradise open?
   Or the row in black, with minds evil and broken?

The crime of the men in black?   They Murdered the Bound and Innocent.
The “crime” of the men in Orange?  They Declared that Jesus is Lord.
And Jesus said …

… today you will be with me in paradise
Diary Communication

The College diary is the primary form of communication between staff and parents. There are several areas of the diary that should be looked at regularly by parents to see how their child is travelling.

1. Students are asked to ensure that they have their parents sign their diaries on a weekly basis. This is checked by either class teachers or Roll Call teachers.

2. Parents should check that students are recording homework, any teacher comments, detentions, uniform infringements or temporary diary information that has been written in. There are relevant sections that parents need to sign in these areas.

We believe that the diary is essential both as an organisational tool and as a method of communication. Please take the time to have a look at the above and support us in the partnership of your child's education.

Temporary Diaries

When a student does not bring their diary to the College, they will be asked to go to the office and will be issued with a Temporary Diary. This Temporary Diary will replace the diary for the day that it is issued. Students also have this information recorded to again remind them of the need to have their diary at the College for the purpose of such communication.

Students will receive three warnings and then a lunch-time detention. A further three warnings will result in an additional lunch-time detention, at nine warnings in a Semester a third lunch-time detention will be issued. Students who reach nine in a semester will be issued a Formal Detention in the Discipline Welfare section of the diary due to the ongoing nature of the matter. If a student has lost their diary they are able to purchase a new one from the College office.

Foundation Day

Foundation Day will take place on Friday, 5 June. The focus of Foundation Day is on raising funds to support the work of the various missions supported by the College. All students are encouraged to be generous and make a minimum donation of $5.00 or $10.00 per family. The money will go to support various missions like Mission Aviation Fellowship which is linked to the Arnhem Land Missions Trip, the orphanage that is visited as part of the Vietnam Service Trip as well as other organisations which in the past have included African AIDS Foundation, Hope Street Mission, RFS and 24 hour Fight Against Cancer. This is a really important day in the College Calendar and one where we have the opportunity to reach out and make an impact in our support of such causes. The money will be collected on Wednesday, 3 June, Thursday, 4 June and Friday, 5 June in Roll Call time. The House that raises the most money will be declared the Mission Fundraising Champions for 2015. Telopea are the defending champions of this shield, it will be interesting to see who comes out on top in 2015.

Relay Afternoon

In the afternoon the College will meet as a T-12 College and support their Houses as the Relays are run at the WACA to decide the Foundation Day Activity Champions. This is one of the highlights of the College calendar and parents are welcome to enjoy the fabulous atmosphere. Please park in the normal carparks and not at the WACA. Arrangements can be made via the College office for those who need a lift to the WACA from the carpark.

More to come but this will help get things started.

Mr Liam Toland
Acting Deputy Headmaster / Director of Pastoral Care T-12
VALUE OF THE WEEK

As part of a further opportunity for our student leaders to impact on their peers in their roles, each week on the Secondary Assembly a student leader will speak about a value that we would like to see continuing to develop in our students. Andrew Russell from Year 12 gave this week’s talk.

Respect, what is it?

Respect is a feeling that we are all capable of portraying. Every single one of us has at least some respect or admiration for qualities and achievements that we see in others.

Many of us respect our parents, our friends, our mentors, our heroes, our authority figures and our purpose in everyday life. So why do we need respect? Respect initiates meaningful relationships and allows for us to show our appreciation for those who have achieved high standards or have helped us on our life journey. Unfortunately many of us seem to forget what respect is. Many of us cannot find it within ourselves to take that extra little step to show our respect for another person, a group or an event. It really isn’t hard to show respect, nor should it be. This can be shown in the way we speak to and treat others, how we appreciate what we have and what others do for us and how we value our property and that of others. Acknowledging the achievements of others, saying thank you and being appreciative of the things that others do for you go a long way to demonstrating respectful behaviour. A great man once said “If we are to be successful this will need to be handled with tact, and respect”. So let’s start handling life with tact and respect.

Are you showing respect to those who deserve it? If not, look for opportunities in this coming week where you can show respect.

Andrew Russell

OVERALL HOUSE SHIELD

All students via the Waratah Weekly have been updated on their House’s progress in the Overall House Shield. The House Captains for Grevillea are pictured below holding the shield as our first winners of the shield since its inception in 2014. The current standings see Wollemi out in front, but with many activities to still be included and an award system that contributes a point per merit there are still many opportunities to decide who will be the champions in 2015.
**Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015**
Any student from Years 3-9 who wishes to compete in the challenge is encouraged to get their username and password from Mrs Saint-John and enter their details online.

**A reminder to parents**
Please do not enter any of the libraries after College hours and take library books without a library staff member or teacher present.

**Scholastic Bookclub**
Orders for Issue 3 are due in the College next week and will be distributed.

*Mrs Louise Saint-John*
IRC Coordinator

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**WAC EQUESTRIAN TEAM**

Below is a list of the forthcoming events and dates for Interschools competitions. If you wish to participate in any of the events as part of the WAC team, you will need to complete the paperwork for each registered event.

- Arndell Anglican College Showjumping and Derby Interschools Equestrian Carnival (entry via Nominate)
- 2015 ENSW Interschool State Championships (closing date Friday, 22 May 2015)
- Arndell Anglican College Interschools Equestrian Carnival (entry via Nominate)
- Camden HS Equestrian Carnival (closing date Saturday, 12 September 2015)

All of the above events require WAC paperwork and the Headmaster’s permission if you are representing the College. If you have any questions please email me.

*Mrs Louise Saint-John*
WAC Equestrian Team Manager
SECONDARY MATTERS

Year 11 and 12 Reports – a follow up
In light of their reports, Year 11 and 12 students will be asked to complete an evaluation of their progress to date. Starting next week, I will be conducting interviews with Year 12 with a view to helping them prepare for the HSC Trial Examinations and, ultimately, the HSC Examinations. Interviews with Year 11 will occur later in the term, and more information will follow in the coming weeks.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
Thank you to all of the Year 11 and 12 parents and caregivers who came last Tuesday. I particularly appreciated the patience of parents after some technology issues. K-10 Parent-Teacher interviews will be early next term and I will be contacting parents towards the end of term to begin the booking process. Remember: you do not have to wait until Parent-Teacher Nights if you have concerns or issues.

Year 11 2016 Subject Selection Night – 9 June (Week 8)
Although it is a little way off, I making Year 10 parents aware that Subject Selection Night is approaching. It is expected that Year 10 students will receive their Subject Selection Information Booklet at the end of next week. More details will follow in next week’s Waratah Weekly.

Year 9 & 10 2016 Information Night – 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 in Week 8. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

David Wales (Graduated Year 12 in 2011) has just received a prestigious award from the University of Western Sydney (UWS). This award, the Ellice Swinbourne Award for Excellence in Chemistry, is ‘awarded to the most outstanding graduating student in Chemistry, enrolled in the Bachelor of Science’. He has also been awarded the Dean’s medal.

Dr Andrew Eaton
Acting Director of Studies
Scarves, gloves, soccer socks and excursion bags are available for purchase from the canteen.

Canteen roster:
Friday, 22 May     Natalie Traynor     Help needed
Monday, 25 May    Help needed        Help needed
Tuesday, 26 May   Michelle Clark     Help needed
Wednesday, 27 May Help needed        Help needed
Thursday, 28 May  Helen Russell      Help needed
Friday, 29 May    Lesley Bramich     Help needed

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!

Orchy 350ml juices have been replaced with Orchi 250ml. These are priced at $1.80

Please adjust your menu accordingly.

Red Days are coming up so start saving your pocket money!

Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy!

Mrs Carolyn Richards
Canteen Supervisor

STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

As part of our Science, Democracy and ANZACs units, Stage 3 will be visiting Questacon, The Australian War Memorial and The National Museum in Canberra.

Date:     Friday, 19 June 2015
Time:     6.15 am-6.45 pm (The College gates will be opened at 6.00 am)

Please note Term Service is on the same day. This has been difficult to avoid due to availability at the War Memorial.

Notes have been sent home and need to be returned by Tuesday, 2 June 2015.

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

**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. 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.

NASSA Primary Cross Country Training
We had our first training session today around the 3-4 playground and senior oval to fine tune our long distance training for next Friday at Macarthur. Our final practice will be this Monday at lunchtime. Please remember to bring your sports uniform to run in. You must change out of and back into your College uniform before and after the training session.

**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 100 metre 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 part or whole day with the races. Please contact me at d.wayne@wac.nsw.edu.au if you require any further information.

Primary Athletics Training 2015
This Friday will be the final chance to practise long jump before the carnival. Last week all the students worked on correct jumping technique, stepped run up, take off and landing. Thanks to Year 7 student, Kirra Bennett-Smith, who helps coach the group each week. 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. The following week we will commence four weeks of discus throwing.

Darren Wayne
Primary Sports Coordinator 2015

**SECONDARY SPORT**

**MISA**
Round 3 of MISA was washed out at the last minute due to the wet weather that came through on Tuesday morning. Next week we play Mount Carmel. All teams will have a game so students should come prepared for competition.

**NASSA Cross Country**
On Monday we sent over 60 Secondary students to the Sydney International Equestrian Centre to compete in the NASSA Cross Country Carnival. The day was fantastic and saw all students compete to the best of their ability. Wollondilly came in 6th overall which was a superb effort against many larger schools. In total we had seven students advance to the AICES carnival. Those students are Regan Boyle, Alex Gaidzionis, Luke Davies, Mekdes Geist, Matthew Simpson, William Lai and Alexandra Rollason. A special mention goes to Regan Boyle (1st) and Alex Gaidzionis (2nd) in their respective events.

Thank you to all the staff, parents and students who attended on the day.
WAC Athletics Carnival
The Secondary Athletics carnival is fast approaching. Students are reminded that full College sport uniform is required on the day and College coloured house polo tops are essential. The Canteen will not be in operation on the day however students can purchase food and beverages from the Year 12 fundraiser stall during the event (See next page for details of food and drinks available).

The 1500m events begin at 8.00 am sharp. Students must be present to compete in this event. The top two competitors will advance to the NASSA carnival at Campbelltown Stadium on Thursday, 25 June (Week 10).

Upcoming events:
- AICES Touch Football – Thursday, 21 May
- WAC Secondary Athletics Carnival – Thursday, 4 June
- AICES Cross Country – Thursday, 4 June
- NASSA Athletics – Monday, 15 June

Mr Mark Goldsborough
Secondary Sports Coordinator

COLLEGE SPORT

IPSSO
Results vs Macarthur Anglican TBA
Next week all IPSSO games will be at WAC against St Peter’s Anglican School. The junior teams will be playing at 12.00 noon, the senior teams will be playing at 1.10 pm.

Just a reminder that students without the correct safety equipment will not be allowed to play IPSSO games. Students in the AFL teams must have mouth guards and soccer players must have shin pads.

This week students played Macarthur Anglican School. Senior Volleyball and both Netball teams had resounding victories. Unfortunately all the other teams had narrow losses.

College Sport
All the students were eager to get involved in the gymnastics program. This program started last week and will continue for the rest of the term.

Mr Stuart Houweling
Primary Teacher

Our commercial kitchen in action with Year 11
All students in Years 7 and 8, plus the elective German students are currently competing in the Language Perfect World Series Championships. They are competing against 1000 schools across the world. The competition began at 5.00 pm on Monday, 18 May and continues until Thursday, 28 May. Students will be competing in class and are encouraged to participate at home. There are some cool prizes available too.

Remember "Monolingualism is curable. Learn another Language!"

Mrs Carolyn Clark
German Teacher

Musical - Back Stage Crew, Set Design and Cast

All students in Years 7-11 who would like to be involved in musical stage crew (costumes, lighting, makeup, stage hands, stage managers, props etc) need to sign their names on the sign up sheet outside Mr Denley's office at Melba.

Our set design team (and wonderful set design volunteers from Term 1 Working Bee) have produced some marvellous sets already, but there are still several yet to be completed. If you would like to attend set design, please see Mrs Taylor for more information.

Rehearsals are taking shape with just two scenes remaining to be blocked. Once these final scenes have been staged, it will be expected that students are working without scripts.

All cast and crew members will be required to attend rehearsals in the holidays (the week of 6 July - 10 July) and each of the dress rehearsals and shows.

June 4th - Year 12 Formal Fundraiser

Cakes, Sausage Sandwiches and Drinks!

Year 12 will run a cake, sausage sandwich and drinks stall at the upcoming Secondary Athletics Carnival. Students will need to pre order sausage sandwiches and drinks. There will be no access to FLOW-ERS Canteen on the day for Secondary students. There is also an opportunity to pre-order cakes to be collected on the day.

Middle School students (Years 5-6) will also have the opportunity to purchase cakes from the College Cafeteria on the same day, during their recess and lunch breaks.

All families across the College can pre-order cakes for collection on the day.

You will find your pre-order forms for cakes, sausage sandwiches and drinks enclosed in this week's Waratah Weekly.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Year 12 Patron, Secondary Teacher (English, Drama, History)
On Wednesday, 27 May students in Year 9 Grace and Faith will be travelling to the Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre to take part in an in depth study of the Eucalyptus forest within Nattai National Park, identifying features that make it unique. They will also be involved in an interactive learning experience with our collection of taxidermy species; and students will undertake a quadrat study and use a range of scientific tools to measure and observe the features of the environment. This excursion fulfils part of the Stage 5 Geography syllabus requirement for fieldwork.

Permission notes have been distributed and are due back to their teacher by Wednesday, 20 May.

Important information:

- Leaving at 9.00 am and returning by 2.30 pm
- Wear full winter sports uniform (inclusive of tracksuit top, bottom and cap)
- Bring College diary, pen and pencil
- NO Canteen facilities available so BRING all food and drink
- Cost is included in the College Service Fee

Mrs Trudy Miller
Secondary Teacher

Admin Matters

After 12 years in the old cottage Administration has now moved into the new building, the 'Alfred Deakin Administration Centre'. Please note that there are two receptions in the new building, the eastern entrance (near Remembrance Drive) is for appointments with the Headmaster, enrolment enquiries, fee enquiries or visitors to the College. The western entrance is our Student/Parent Reception where students are signed in and out, go to sick bay, for student queries and appointments with the Deputy Headmaster.

Mrs Rhonda Hay
Headmaster’s Secretary
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

*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* John 10:10

It is normal for us to try to fill up our lives with all sorts of wonderful things and people and knowledge and experiences. And yet, they often leave us hungry for more, rather than satisfied. It is, then, an amazing thing to realise that the perfectly full life can be found in Jesus. He is our shift from seeking satisfaction to being satisfied, to the full.
PRAYER POINTS

Thank God
- For the relative peace we enjoy (and often take for granted) in this country
- That He continues to bless this College
- For the completion of the Stage 8 building program and for the commencement of Stage 8

Ask God
- For His healing hand over the families of the innocents who lose their lives to terror
- That the world will come to know Christ’s love and forgiveness
- 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.