First came the promotional trailers for the TV documentary on Mt Druitt called “Struggle Street.” Next came the public backlash from people from the area:

- “This is public funded poverty porn,” said Stephen Bali, Mayor of Blacktown.
- “Postcode racism at its worst,” said Mark Geyer (Australian League player and local resident)
- “Give the garbage back to SBS. They are seeking to take the …. out of people in Mount Druitt. People in Western Sydney have had enough of this and we’re not going to take it anymore,” said Tony Bleasdale, Blacktown City Councillor.
- “How dare they pick out a few people and treat them with complete contempt, actually have unethical practices, engineer scenes that are not true, that are completely false and try to pass it off as documentary. This is absolute …!,” said Stephen Bali, Mayor of Blacktown.

Next came the rationale from the TV show. “I think we recognise that this is an important topic to tell. It’s controversial, clearly polarising, but we stand by the importance of this as a story to tell,” said Helen Kellie, SBS Head of Content. Then came the politicians who saw the controversy as an opportunity to make political mileage. “Struggle Street isn’t just a place in Mount Druitt. There are people struggling down the street from us here in the centre of Canberra and right across Australia,” said Shadow Assistant Treasurer Dr Andrew Leigh.

As the controversy unfolded, I was watching it all on the TV, one kilometre from Mount Druitt at the Rooty Hill RSL Club. I was part of a review team for Richard Johnson Anglican College which is in the (also nearby) suburb of Oakhurst. Almost all of the students at RJ come from “Struggle Street”. Most come from families that have never been to University. It was a great story but there were no TV cameras. Here is an edited extract from the RJ newsletter in the week that followed the review:

Our SASC School Review last week involved hundreds of survey submissions and many meetings / forums / observations during the three day visit by the Review Panel. Their report’s recommendations and commentary will help to drive and guide the School’s Strategic Plan for the next five years. Some of the Review’s first impressions were shared with me last Friday afternoon by the Review Chair, Dr Stuart Quarmby: This School, functioning so successfully in Oakhurst, within the surrounding demographics and extensive multiculturalism, is extraordinary. It works because of the people. The opportunity for the Christian Gospel is great, because a climate for openness and acceptance has been established. Christian education, learning effectiveness and the spread of the Gospel are alive and well at RJ There is a common thread; the hallmark of this place is Jesus. To quote one staff member, “We have a Christian culture, not just a logo.” The fruits of the Spirit are evident. Welfare in the School community reflects grace and compassion. Staff work very hard. Student leader training is exceptional. Gender relationships are very positive, without segregation, a hallmark for co-education.”

One highlight amongst many was to witness a senior Chapel with music, poetry and skits, fully run by senior students. 500 students were engaged and participating as they heard the Gospel. That week, a different show aired in the RJ Hall near Mount Druitt. It would probably be a box office flop. No swearing, violence, drug use or adult themes. Probably even “G” rated. Maybe it could be titled “Jesus saves hundreds from Struggle Street” …

… (or any other street for that matter).
**Athletics Carnivals**

On Wednesday, 3 June and Thursday, 4 June the College Athletics Carnivals will take place at the WACA. Mr Goldsborough will provide the specific details about the carnivals but I wanted to take the opportunity to encourage all students to take an active role as part of these days. It is a great opportunity to demonstrate belonging to your House and to make a contribution toward your House by participating. All students can involve themselves in the events on offer and can support others as they participate.

**Reminders**

House Shirt and College Sports Uniform are required for the day in terms of uniform.

Year 12 have a Fundraiser operating on the day, so please support them by purchasing a cake, drink or sausage sandwich.

If unable to participate in the events, there will be opportunities to assist staff in the running of the events. If you are a student in this category please actively seek these opportunities out and make a contribution on the day.

Students, who are successful on the day and qualify for the next level carnival NASSA, need to ensure that they make the commitment to attending and participating at this next level. This is really important in terms of the sporting culture at the College.

**Foundation Day**

On Friday, 5 June the College will celebrate Foundation Day. The focus of the day is on raising funds to support the various missions supported by the College. Students have been involved in learning more about these as part of the Pastoral Program this Term. The Mission Fundraising Champion House will be announced on the day and awarded to the House that raises the most money. The Champion of the Activity Shield will be based on the most points amassed by a House as part of the Junior and Senior relay afternoon. It is anticipated that the Overall winning House of the Athletics Carnival will be announced at the end of the afternoon. This is a gala event with the whole College coming together to spectate. If parents are able to come along and watch this event it would be greatly appreciated. It is a fantastic spectacle. The following information is really important for all students and parents to be aware of:

**Reminders**

1. All students are encouraged to be generous and make a minimum donation of $5.00 or $10.00 per family. This will be collected on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week.

2. All students T-12 need to wear House Shirt and College Sports Winter Uniform (Tracksuit Jacket and Tracksuit pants). This will require a quick turn-around on uniform particularly from the Senior College students. This is essential on this occasion due to the House based nature of the event. Student and parent co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

3. This event will commence with an Assembly under the Sails at 1.15 pm. The relays are scheduled to commence at approximately 1.45 pm. Announcements and dismissal will take place at approximately 2.15 pm.

4. There is no parking nearby to the WACA. Please park in a car space (not the student car park) and walk across to the WACA. For any parent/grandparent who is less mobile there will be a shuttle service provided from the student car park area at the back of Flynn.

5. Parents are reminded to ensure that any photos taken which include students who are not your children must not be posted on social media.
Term 2 Pastoral Program
The focus of the Pastoral Program in Term 2 has been on Service Learning. It has given us an opportunity to look at service of others and become involved in an active initiative. The initiative is called Operation Christmas Child and involves students working in groups and allocating responsibility for a shoe box of gifts to be sent to a less fortunate child in a third world country. Students need to work together and look at what category of gift they will organise and seek this out to provide the gift to another child. Students are able to personalise this by including a letter and details in the box to the child they are preparing this for. All gifts need to be new (not second hand). The packing of the boxes will be completed in the Pastoral Period on Monday, 22 June. All students need to bring in their gifts to their Pastoral Care teachers either prior to or on this day. Students have been actively engaging in a movement of thinking from “me” to “we”, this is one small way that we at the College can get our students thinking about the bigger picture and the significant needs of others.

Awards
It has been really encouraging to see the number of awards that have been handed out for various reasons at the past few Secondary Assemblies. There have been numerous Academic, Community Service, Sporting and College Contribution awards which is great to see the diverse achievements of our students being captured and acknowledged. The upcoming Formal Assemblies will be a further opportunity to recognise achievement and to showcase the talent in the Creative and Performing Arts areas of the College. I would like to encourage the students to keep looking for opportunities to involve themselves in the life of the College and enhance their experience. The College has many great offerings in a wide variety of areas and, speaking from experience, this greatly enriches ones time at school and can form the basis for significant enjoyment and fulfilment.

Mr Liam Toland
Acting Deputy Headmaster / Director of Pastoral Care T-12
Assessment for Years 7-11. Formal vs Informal, Marks vs Grades

Earlier this year, Mr Croger wrote about improvements in how we assess students from Year 7 to Year 11 to reflect changes brought about by the Board of Studies (B.D.S.T.E.S). The first change was to put a greater emphasis on informal assessment. That is, teachers will assess everything that students do, in and out of the classroom, to more fairly gauge the abilities of students.

With this in mind, the number of formal assessments, such as examinations, across each year group has been reduced. These formal assessments also play an important role in assessing skills and understanding, and add to a teacher’s overall assessment. As many parents know, HSC courses are assessed by formal assessment tasks only, so, for Years 7 to 11, formal assessment tasks will continue to be a form of preparation and training for students before they reach Year 12.

Some parents have asked the difference between marks and grades. Students will tend to receive grades on informal tasks. These grades are based on a set of standards from the Board of Studies, using the professional judgment of the teacher. Formal assessment tasks will continue to have marks and may also have grades. These marks should be available through the parent portal, as has been the case previously.

Across each semester, students will be assessed for their understanding and skills, using both formal and informal assessment tasks, and will receive an overall grade for each subject on their reports, again, based on the professional judgment of the teacher. The hope is that overall assessment of students is more balanced and accurate than before.

Year 11 and 12 Interviews

Most Year 11 and 12 students have now completed an evaluation of their progress to date. Starting early next week, I will be conducting interviews with Year 12 with a view of 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.

Year 11 2016 Subject Selection Night – 9 June Week 8

Year 10 students will receive their Subject Selection Information Booklet at the end of this week or early next week. Hopefully this will start some discussions about next year, prior to the information night.

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.

Year 7-12 ICAS Science Competition

Next Wednesday, 3 June, the ICAS Science Competition will be held for Years 7 to 12. All of Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 do this competition. All students in Year 11 who study one or more sciences will do the competition. Year 12 students who nominated to do the competition will also sit it then. More information for students will be in the Daily Notices.

Dr Andrew Eaton
Acting Director of Studies
**Kindergarten Excursion**

Kindergarten students are excited to be going on excursion this term to support their learning of ‘paddock to plate’. The excursion will take us to Gavana Holstein’s Dairy farm, Glenmore. The date of the excursion will be Friday, 12 June. The students will be required to wear full winter sports uniform. The excursion will run during normal College hours so there will not be any anticipated interruption to normal drop off and collection routines. We look forward to this exciting event!

*Mrs Katherine Frost*

*Primary Teacher*

**Blast from the Past**

We were thrilled to hear of the achievements of past student, David Wales who has now completed his Bachelor of Advanced Science with Distinction at University. He is grateful for his education at Wollondilly and credits it with contributing towards his ability to apply himself to study. David was awarded the Dean’s Medal for outstanding academic application and the Ellise Swinbourne Award for Excellence in Chemistry. Dr Eaton, his old Chemistry teacher, is especially proud of the second piece of news.

We are always keen to hear news of past students. Please contact us with information on engagements, marriages, other life achievements.
**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 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.

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 a whole College relay afternoon after lunch that will showcase primary and senior relays.

We do require parental assistance to help run the carnival with the races. Please contact me at d.wayne@wac.nsw.edu.au if you require any further information.

Mr Darren Wayne  
Primary Sports Coordinator 2015

**PRIMARY COLLEGE SPORT AND IPSSO**

With the Primary athletics carnival taking place on the Wednesday, 3 June, there will be no College sport or IPSSO games.

Mr Stuart Houweling  
Primary Teacher

**SECONDARY SPORT**

**CIS Rugby League**  
Congratulations to Kye Madden and Ray Stone of Year 12 who were selected from the CIS Training Camp to compete at the upcoming Australian Schoolboys Championships. They are now both regular faces in the CIS team and have excellent opportunities ahead of them. All the best to both boys as they represent WAC at such a high level.

**AICES Touch Football**  
Congratulations to William Lai, Phil Kerin and Cody Benson who last week competed at the AICES Touch Football Gala Day representing NASSA. The NASSA Open Boys’ side, which included all three WAC boys, was victorious in the Grand Final 5-4.

**MISA**

This week in MISA Sport we played Mount Carmel Catholic High School. It was great to finally have a game after wet weather interruptions and BYE rounds. The 10-12 Boys’ Softball were once again too strong beating the opposition 13-0 after some strong pitching from Ryan King. All boys’ soccer teams were narrowly defeated as was our girls’ Netball and Softball teams. A reminder for students who are injured/cannot play in a MISA round that they must see their coach prior to catching the buses to ensure spare players can be brought in.

**WAC Athletics Carnival**

Secondary students will compete in the annual WAC Athletics Carnival on Thursday, 4 June. All students are encouraged to participate to the best of their ability to ensure they are contributing to their house points. Parents are welcome to attend. Please be reminded that the 1500m events begin at 8.00 am sharp. Students wishing to compete in the 1500m need to be ready to race at this time. The carnival will officially open at 8.30 am.
Foundation Day Relays
This year we will be incorporating the Secondary 4x100m relays into the Foundation Day activities on Friday, 5 June. The two age groups will be 12-14 years and 15+. The fastest four students (male and female) in each House Group will battle it out on the track to the cheers of the rest of the College.

NASSA Athletics Carnival
Please note the NASSA Athletics Carnival will now be held on Thursday, 25 June at Campbelltown Athletics Track. As a result the Senior Formal Assembly has been moved to Wednesday, 24 June so students can attend both events. Please update your calendars.

Mr Mark Goldsborough
Secondary Sports Coordinator

Scarfes, gloves, soccer socks and excursion bags are available for purchase from the Canteen.

Canteen roster:

- Friday, 29 May: Lesley Bramich, Judy Scholes
- Monday, 1 June: Help needed, Help needed
- Tuesday, 2 June: Help needed, Help needed
- Wednesday, 3 June: Help needed, Help needed
- Thursday, 4 June: Help needed, Help needed
- Friday, 5 June: Susan Kellert, Judy Scholes

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 Orchy 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

NEWS FROM THE INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRES

Teddy Bear Missing
Much loved Chaucer the bear has gone missing from the Cook Library. Please contact me if you happen to know the bear’s whereabouts.

Mrs Louise Saint-John
IRC Coordinator
**AUF DEUTSCH BITTE!**

The Language Perfect World Championship finishes today (Thursday, 28 May) at 5.00 pm. There has been some vigorous competition between Wollondilly and many other schools in the competition. At the time of writing Wollondilly was placed 1st for German in NSW with over 94 000 points and 7th in Australia. Many of our students have reached the Gold, Silver and Bronze levels. Students will receive their certificates at assemblies later in the year. Final results will be published in the next newsletter.

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

*Mrs Carolyn Clark  
German Teacher*

**HISTORY COMPETITION**

The History Competition will be held on Wednesday, 27 May. All Year 10 and 8 Grace students will be doing the Competition. Please bring a HB pencil to do the Competition. The Competition involves completing 50 multiple choice questions

- 10 Grace in period 4 Geography F2
- 10 Faith in period 3 History F6
- 10 Hope in period 2 History S2
- 8 Grace in period 2 English S4

*Mr Colin Powter  
Secondary Teacher (Geography)*

**PROPERTY UPDATE**

New Stage 8 Building Construction Update

As you will have noticed, our new Stage 8 building program has commenced.

The fencing is up and some parking spaces have been reserved for contractor parking as well as large truck delivery turning room.

This week, the plumbers will be onsite to excavate a trench through the Elizabeth car park for the purpose of connecting the new site to the existing sewer. This will be done in two stages so that traffic will still have access to the Elizabeth car park areas and Fred’s Shed. However, this will cause some disruption during peak times but hopefully will be completed quickly so that normal traffic flow can resume.

Please use extreme caution when walking or driving in this area.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

*Mr Fred Schroder  
Property Manager/ WHS Rep*
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.

Referee Courses
Have you got what it takes to be a Referee? There are plenty of great things about being a referee:

Referees are an integral part of football. If you are 13 years or over you can join this specialised and important part of the game. New Level 4 course starting Wednesday, 1 June 2015.

For more information contact Football South Coast, 4285 6969 or referees@footballsouthcoast.com

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.

Term Service

Our next Term Service will be held on Friday, 19 June. There will be another Food Drive held but this time food 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 and Biscuits/ Vegemite and Biscuits/ Le Snacks
- Cheese sticks
- Roll ups
- LCM bars
- Tubs of fruit
- Tiny Teddies multi packs
- Shapes multi packs

Mrs Carolyn Clark
Secondary Teacher (German)

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.
**Admin Matters**

The College dates for 2016 are enclosed in this newsletter to help families with their holiday plans for next year.

Mrs Rhonda Hay  
Headmaster’s Secretary

**Extra Curricular Activities**

Elizabeth La Cava last Sunday at the Australian Martial Arts Competition in North Ryde, Sydney with her trainer Sensei Nick representing AMMA. She won 1st place in freestyle sparring, 3rd in full contact sparring, 3rd in kata and 5th in points sparring in the advanced black belt grade division. Elizabeth achieved the top 5 positions in each event. She has now qualified for the NSW titles competition in September.

**June 4th - Year 12 Formal Fundraiser**

Reminder - 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 FLOWERS Canteen on the day for Secondary students. There is also an opportunity to pre-order cakes to be collected on the day.

Middle College 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.

Order forms were provided in last week’s Waratah Weekly. If you require another form please see the office.

Mrs Sarah Talbot  
Year 12 Patron, Secondary Teacher (English, Drama, History)
Wollondilly Anglican Community Church (WACC) meets in the Clifford Warne Auditorium every Sunday at 9.00 am. Contact: Rev Rob Meischke 0437 533 106.

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy. (Colossians 1:11).

While foot-stomping, fist-waving, tongue-lashing impatience might sound like strength, it is really a profound display of weakness, blaming others rather than accepting responsibility. Real inner strength, the sort that comes from God, produces patience and calm endurance. May such strength be ours every day.
“Hey wait - I’m coming too”, said an excited Wolly during the move to the new Administration Building to Pretend Headmaster Abigail Croft (KC).

PRAYER POINTS

Thank God

- For the hard work of staff and students at Richard Johnson Anglican College.
- For our growth and the plans for the future that result.
- That the voices seeking to ban faith based schools from advertising for faith based staff are still being defeated in the halls of power.

Ask God

- For continued growth.
- For a smooth transition into the next stage of the building program.
- 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.