All it takes for evil to flourish is for a good man to do nothing. – Edmund Bourke

Australia is running in fear.

“Merry Christmas” has been replaced by “Happy Holidays”. Christmas cards are heavy on images of reindeer and sleigh bells and light on Jesus. Easter is full of chocky eggs and chocky bunnies and light on Jesus. Hot Cross Buns are available all year round – because they sell well.

Australia is losing its spine.

When people are dying overseas, refusing to deny Christ at the point of a raised gun, there are those here who won’t mention Christ, going weak at the knees through fear of a raised eyebrow. The ANZACs charged out of the trenches to defend our beliefs with bayonets against machine guns.

We are quick to defend our “mature” national stance in wishing someone a “Happy Holiday” rather than a “Merry Christmas” on the basis that it may offend. Has anyone stopped to check? I cannot recall anybody of any faith being offended by Christmas or Easter – just as I am not offended by Ramadan or Passover feasts. The truth is – some feign concern for offending others to camouflage their own bigoted rejection of Christianity; of Christmas and Easter.

Just for the record – Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ (Christ – mas!). It was the birth of the Saviour of the world. There were no elves or reindeer and Santa was not one of the Wise men. At Easter, on Good Friday, Christ was crucified. It is called Good Friday because he died to save us. He was placed in a tomb but on Easter Sunday he rose from the dead (hence the empty Easter Egg). He gave us new life – hence the egg and the bunnies (who are good at making new life). Hot Cross Buns used to be something to look forward to at Easter – remember the Cross.

Here is an edited (to fit) message from a leader still willing to stand for something -

“Easter is a time for Christians to celebrate the ultimate triumph of life over death in the resurrection of Jesus and for all of us it’s a time for us to reflect on the part that Christianity plays in our national life. The Church is not just a collection of beautiful old buildings it’s a living active force doing great works right across our Country. When people are homeless the church is there with hot meals and shelter, when people are addicted or in debt, when people are suffering or grieving, the Church is there. I know from the most difficult times in my own life the that the kindness of the church can be a huge comfort. Christians just don’t talk loving thy neighbour, they live it out in faith in schools, in prisons, in community groups and it is for all these reasons we should be proud to say this is a Christian country. Yes we’re a nation that embraces, welcomes and accepts all faiths and none, but we are still a Christian country. It is truly shocking that in 2015 there are still Christians being threatened, tortured, even killed because of their faith, from Egypt to Nigeria, Libya to North Korea. Across the Middle East, Christians have been hounded out of their homes, forced to flee from village to village, many of them forced to renounce their faith or brutally murdered. To all those brave Christians in Iraq and Syria who are practicing their faith or sheltering others we must say we stand with you”. - David Cameron. British Prime Minister.  https://youtube/G1go1qd4klc

Happy Easter
EASTER CHURCH SERVICES

Wollondilly Anglican Community Church
9.00 am Good Friday and 9.00 am Easter Sunday here at the College.

Picton Uniting Church
9.00 am Good Friday and 9.00 am Easter Sunday.

Wollondilly Presbyterian (Tahmoor)
9:15 am Good Friday and 9.15 am Easter Sunday.

St Mark’s Appin Church, 1 Church Street
8:30 am Good Friday and 8.30 am Easter Sunday.

Rosemeadow Anglican Church, 199 Copperfield Dr Rosemeadow
10.00 am for 10.15 am start Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Campbelltown Christian Community Church, Cnr Alderney & Townson Roads, Minto
10.00 am - 11.00 am Easter Sunday family service followed by Morning Tea.

Tahmoor Baptist Church
9.00 am Good Friday. 10.00 and 6.00 pm for Easter Sunday.

St James Menangle
9.30 am Good Friday combined family service followed by hot cross buns.
8.30 am, 10.00 am and 7.00 pm Easter Sunday The Lord's Supper.

Hillsong South West
8.00 am, 9.45 am and 11.30 am Good Friday. 8.00 am, 9.45 am, 11.30 am and 6.00 pm Easter Sunday.

St Jude’s Anglican Church, Bowral
8.00 am Holy Communion, 10.00 am and 5.30 pm Good Friday Service.
8.00 am Holy Communion, 9.45 am Family Service, 10.00 Holy Communion and 5.30 pm Worship Service.

St John’s, Robertson
9.30 am Good Friday. 8.00 am and 9.30 am Easter Sunday.

C3 Church Wollondilly 12/15 Henry Street, Picton
9.00 am Good Friday and 10.00 am Easter Sunday
Here are the results of External testing – HSC and NAPLAN for 2015. As with past years, there is a general trend for improvement as students progress through the College, though progress can sometimes be faster for some groups than others. It is notable that, when compared to the starting point for each of the groups, there is considerable improvement from when they were last tested. No group should therefore be compared with another based on these results alone.

**HSC Results:**

**College ranked 2 in Campbelltown / Camden / Wollondilly Local Government Areas**

- 29 Band 6 Results from 41 students
- 10 Students on the “Distinguished Achievers Merit” List

Congratulations to the Year 12 class of 2015 for their hard work and dedication in the achievement of commendable HSC results. The College community was thrilled to learn that 10 students were placed in the highest result band for at least one subject. All received honourable mention on the list of distinguished HSC achievers for 2015.

**Distinguished Achievers’ Merit list for NSW**

- **Colette Anderson:** Food Technology; General Mathematics;
- **Thomas Croucher:** Ancient History; Advanced English; English Extension 1; Modern History; History Extension;
- **Laura Fleming:** Biology; Chemistry; Advanced English; Mathematics; Modern History;
- **Samuel Gardiner#:** Modern History; Personal Development, Health and Physical Education; (Advanced English; English Extension 1: 2014)
- **Samuel Harper#:** Music 1
- **Jasmin Law:** Ancient History; Design and Technology; General Mathematics; Visual Arts
- **Kye Madden#:** Personal Development, Health and Physical Education;
- **Briony Roelandts:** English Extension 1; History Extension; Music 1
- **Andrew Russell:** Earth and Environmental Science; General Mathematics;
- **Samantha Vibert:** Advanced English; English Extension 1; Food Technology; Personal Development, Health and Physical Education;

Congratulations Students with ATAR 90+

- **Laura Fleming (Dux)** 98.90
- **Samuel Gardiner** 96.20
- **Jasmin Law** 95.95
- **Samantha Vibert** 93.50
- **Thomas Croucher** 92.40

**Dayna Bruynius: First in NSW:** Early Childhood Studies. (Distance Education).

**#Samuel Gardiner** who is an accelerated student who sat the HSC in English whilst in Year 11 as part of the EDGE Academy at the College. He achieved two Band 6 results in 2014 (total Band Sixes for cohort is 31).

**#Samuel Harper** who was also nominated for the prestigious Encore exhibition of highly talented musicians in Sydney.

**#Kye Madden & Ray Stone** who also represented in the successful Australian Schoolboys Rugby League Team in 2015
Subjects to shine in 2015 included **English Extension 1; Biology; General Mathematics; Modern History; History Extension; Music 1 and PDHPE.**

**Welcome again to the prestigious Top 200 Schools:** Congratulations to Macarthur Anglican School and Wollondilly Anglican College. Both schools were ranked in the top 120 schools across NSW and the ACT and were placed first and second for HSC results in the Campbelltown, Camden, Wollondilly Local Government Areas.

Wollondilly Anglican College was the highest ranked low fee school in the Camden, Campbelltown, Wollondilly and Wingecarribee Shires. It was also the highest ranked low fee school of the 14 low fee schools in the Anglican Schools Corporation. This result, after only 12 years of growth, is a tribute to the dedication of staff and students in the creation of a learning culture – dedicated to the "pursuit of personal best”.

Wollondilly Ranked 54 in NSW/ACT for Mathematics and 111 for English.

Of course, great results measured against external bench marks are important and worthy of celebration, but there were smiles all round from other students in Year 12 who gained results that represented stories of average academic track records being converted through the hard work of staff and their own endeavours into expanded career options. The smiles on the faces of each of these students are no less broad.

**Value Added:** 67% of the course results were at or above the Value Added Benchmark for all courses. This represents a dramatic improvement in Year 12 for most students over what could reasonably be expected from their Year 10 results.

After a rise of 5 places in the 2014 report, the College improved by another two places in schools that engage these external consultants for analysis – one of the leading improvers.

- 76% of the tracked students were at or above the Value-Added Benchmark.
- Three students exceeded the benchmark by a significant margin and none were significantly below it.
When comparing the same cohort against 2013 results, there has been a strong improvement in reading from Year 3 to Year 5. Year 7 results were excellent with the cohort performing above the National average in all areas, with significant improvement in persuasive writing and spelling.

ALL schools: There were no PINK or RED results against ALL schools in the State indicating that results were average or above for all WAC grades and across all measured areas.

SIM schools: This statistic is created by ACARA and grades us against schools representing their best guess of “Similar” schools.

NAPLAN General Comments: 2015

Year 3

As a group, when reported by ACARA, students achieved at the same level as, or better than, State averages for each area measured.

43 students in Year 3 sat the NAPLAN tests in 2015.

Achievement Bands range from Band 1 (lowest) to Band 6 (Highest). 13 of the 43 students in Year 3 attained a Band 6 result in Reading.

Reading, Writing, and Grammar and Punctuation were highlights for the group with over half of the cohort receiving the top two Bands (Band 5 or 6). Numeracy has been identified as an area for particular attention and strategies have already been put in place to focus more on this skill in 2016. One student achieved Band 6 for all areas tested. Over half of the students achieved a Band 6 in at least one area.

The table below shows the percentage of the State students and the percentage of College students that scored in the top 3 bands.
Year 5
As a group, when reported by ACARA, students achieved at the same level as, or better than, State averages for each area measured.

48 students in Year 5 sat the NAPLAN tests in 2015.

Achievement Bands range from Band 3 (lowest) to Band 8 (Highest).

The results for Reading and Numeracy showed a strong improvement from the 2013 NAPLAN results for the group. Writing, Spelling and Grammar have been identified as areas for particular focus in 2016 and beyond. 11 students recorded at least one Band 8.

The table below shows the percentage of the State and the percentage of the College that scored in the top 3 bands.

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Year 7
As a group, when reported by ACARA, students achieved at the same level as, or better than, State averages for each area measured.

89 students in Year 7 sat the NAPLAN tests in 2015.

Achievement Bands range from Band 4 (lowest) to Band 9 (Highest). 12 students achieved Band 9 for numeracy. 32 Band 9s were recorded. 28 students received a Band 9 in at least one category of Literacy and Numeracy.

The group compares very favourably against State benchmarks.

The table below shows the percentage of the State students and the percentage of College students that scored in the top 3 bands.

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Year 9
As a group, when reported by ACARA, students achieved at the same level as, or better than, State averages for each area measured.

84 students in Year 9 sat the NAPLAN tests in 2015.

Achievement Bands range from Band 5 (lowest) to Band 10 (Highest).

It is very pleasing to note that 16 students received a Band 10 in at least one category of Literacy and Numeracy.
Whilst as a group, Year 9 has achieved significantly above State average results in Reading and Numeracy, other Literacy results are closer to State average and deserving of greater focus. NAPLAN results provide a diagnostic tool for focus on group strengths and weaknesses but also, more importantly, on individual strengths and weaknesses.

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Year 7 2017 Goes to Four Streams
Parents may recall that Year 7 classes in 2014, 2015 and 2016 were restricted to three streams and that there were limited or no vacancies as a result.

This was a preferable situation than continuing to madly build classrooms to accommodate floods of students and gave us breathing space to catch up on some useful infrastructure such as the new Admin building, Hospitality Centre, Function Centre, English Centre, German facility, Dance and Drama Studio and Support rooms.

Now that those buildings will soon be finished, we are pleased to announce that due to the continued high demand for places, there will be four classes in Year 7 next year. Please note that there will also be five classes of 24 for the more practical subjects.

This is a wonderful development for the College and there are already limited vacancies, even with four classes in 2017.

Ian is pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Kristy Allon as the assistant Year 7 Patron for 2017 and beyond. Kristy is looking forward to assisting Mr Van Netton in his role as Year Patron.

Dr Stuart Quarmby
Headmaster

TERM SERVICE

Thank you to those parents and students who came along on Friday evening to support Kindergarten and who listened to our guest speaker Reverend Kevin Flanagan. Kindergarten were very cute and sang an entertaining song about Jesus. During his talk Reverend Flanagan provided a visual reminder that Jesus' death on the cross wipes away our sin and makes us appear sin-free before God. Those wishing to know more about the gospel message were invited to contact Reverend Flanagan through the College office.

Thank you to the worship team from St Stephens Thirlmere for providing excellent music for the evening.

Finally a big "Thank you" to those families, who donated food or gold coins to the food drive. Your generous donations will be used to support Wollondilly families experiencing crisis situations.

Mrs Carolyn Clark
Secondary Teacher
When things go wrong at school by Michael Grose

Every parent wants the best for their children, and that includes having great experiences at school.

Despite best teaching practice things can go wrong at school. Most kids experience learning difficulties from time to time. Conflict and peer rejection are a normal part of school-life. The developmental nature of childhood means that there will always be some turbulence, particularly around key transition ages, such as the start of adolescence.

During these times young people frequently experience a dip in their learning as well as significant relationship difficulties. Kids will often come home from school with grievances, and call on their parents for assistance.

Your approach as a parent when your child has difficulty at school makes a huge difference to their resilience, and their future relationships with teachers and peers. Anecdotal evidence suggests that there’s been a significant increase in aggressive incidents at schools involving parents reacting to their children’s grievances. This not only presents a danger to teachers but harms the all-important teacher-parent relationship.

Here’s a six point checklist to help you stay focused and be effective if your child experiences difficulty at school.

1. **Stay Calm and Rational**
   It’s natural as a parent to protect, or defend your children, particularly when you think that they’ve come in for some unfair or poor treatment. But acting when you are full of emotion is not always smart. Rather than getting on the phone straight away to organise a meeting at school, take your time to think through how you might assist your child.

2. **Get all the facts**
   Once you’ve calmed down, then get the facts about the situation. Kids are faulty observers and often only see one side of a story when there’s a problem with a teacher or a fellow student. They sometimes can’t see that perhaps they may have contributed inadvertently to a dispute at school, or perhaps said something that may have upset a teacher. It’s the job of parents to help kids process what happens in an incident, so that all the facts emerge and understand their place in any problem. Ask good questions to help the full story emerge.

3. **Assess whether to go to the school or not**
   Kids, like adults, like to vent and will benefit from having told their side of a story to a trusted source. Often problems can be dealt with at home, simply by talking through an issue, and giving kids some common sense tips to help them cope. If your child has a recurring problem that he can’t solve himself, or you think adult intervention maybe needed to sort out a relationship issue with a teacher or peer, then consider meeting with your child’s teacher or year level coordinator.

4. **Go through the right channels**
   Approach the school calmly, going through the school office, or directly to your child’s teacher if that is the usual protocol. If you have already established a relationship with the teacher concerned, then it’s often easier to approach them directly.

5. **Look for solutions rather than blame**
   Parent-teacher meetings usually get nowhere when either party blames the other. State the problem as you see it and view your child’s teacher as an ally, not a foe. “I’m really worried about Jeremy. He’s been acting strangely lately and I need some help” is the type of approach that will elicit a helpful response. Talk about your concerns and keep the discussion focused firmly on what’s best for your child. Listen to your teacher’s viewpoint, valuing a different perspective.
6. **Stay in touch**

Be realistic with your expectations, remembering that some problems can’t be solved to your satisfaction, nor will they be resolved straight away. Be prepared to work alongside your child’s teacher over the long-term, which means you need to keep communicating with each other.

Parenting is easy when things are going well, but testing when your children struggle or experience difficulty. Stepping back and taking a long-term, reflective view is often the best approach when your child experiences difficulty at school.

*Michael Grose parentingideas.com.au*

**Duke of Edinburgh’s Award**

**Gold/Silver Expedition – Great Ocean Walk - Victoria**

The Gold/Silver Adventurous Journey being planned for the end of the year is the Great Ocean Walk in Victoria. I am seeking a firm commitment from those students intending to undertake this expedition. The likely dates for the expedition will be – departing from WAC Saturday, 10 December and return Thursday 15 December.

The GOW management plan (Parks Victoria) restricts the number of walkers and bookings must be made in advance. Groups need to act quickly to get their preferred dates.

This restriction means places are limited for the trip and so preference will go to students who are at the Gold level and need this hike as a Qualification Walk. Other students will be permitted to attend if there are places available.

The approximate costs are outlined below.

**Costs**

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If you would like to confirm a booking for your son or daughter, Gold level applicants (or those about to commence Gold) will need to pay a non-refundable deposit of $100.00 to the College Office by Wednesday, 30 March with the return slip that was attached to the letter. This will cover the camping permits and deposits for other bookings. Students who miss selection due to priorities/numbers will be eligible for a refund.

If spaces become available, Silver applicants will need to pay the deposit.

*Mr Ian Croger*  
**Deputy Headmaster**
**Pastoral Matters**

**Term Service – Food Drive**
The following are the results from the Term 1 Term Service Food Drive:

1st – Wollemi - 212
2nd – Sollya - 75
3rd – Acacia - 61
4th – Telopea - 58
5th – Grevillea - 57

Congratulations to Wollemi on their generosity toward this cause. The points above will be added to the respective totals of the House’s as part of the Overall House Shield. A big thanks to the parents involved in this initiative and to the House Captains and Student Leaders who helped out with the collection on the night.

**Senior Chapel**
On Thursday, 24 March Year 9-12 students will meet for our Term based Senior Chapel. A dedicated group of students in Year 9-12 have been meeting on a weekly basis since the start of the year to prepare for this event. It has been great to see our Christian students stepping up and taking ownership for this important aspect of College life. It will be a great opportunity for students in Year 9-12 to hear the Easter message prior to the Easter weekend. As always we encourage students who may have questions to talk with the staff of the College about these to assist them to grow in their faith.

**Sport Lifestyle and Recreation Year 11**
All students in Year 11 Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation have recently completed their Bronze Medallion Life Saving Award. This is a great achievement by these students and involved a combination of theory lessons and practical lifesaving skills. A big thanks to Tammy Taylor from Picton Leisure Centre for her instruction of the students. Her knowledge and care for our students was exemplary. This is a recognised qualification that we encourage students to use as part of their portfolio as they begin to transit toward the completion of their schooling.

Congratulations to Ellie Purnell, Madisson Kerr, Chantelle Ottaviani, Marie-Luise Kapavale, Harrison Foote, William Girvan, Connor Wills, Bailey Collins, Abram Abdelmalek and Jye Green on successful completion of the course.

**Term 2 Uniform Reminders**
Students return to the College in Winter Uniform:

- All students in Year 5-12 will need to arrive and leave the College wearing blazers. This applies regardless of the method by which they arrive or leave.
- Students also need to wear blazers to Assemblies, Chapel and into Period 1 or Roll Call.
- Girls need to make sure that dress lengths comply with College uniform guidelines. Please pay attention to this prior to return to the College rather than having to address it when raised by staff.
- Students need to ensure that they wear their full College Tracksuit Top and Pants on Sports Day. Students are permitted to wear the Green College Jumper for extra warmth only, not as a replacement for the College Tracksuit top.
- The uniform looks fantastic when worn well and contributes to an important College value “Pride in Belonging”. Can I encourage all students and parents to ensure the appropriate items are purchase and corrected sized to assist with a smooth transition to Winter Uniform.

Mr Liam Toland
Director Pastoral Care (T-12)
Open Classroom Term 1
This term's open classrooms will be on Thursday, 7 April from 2.35 pm to 3.30 pm.

All parents are invited to come in and talk to their children about the learning that is taking place in their classroom. We hope to see you there.

Transition to Year 6 Parent-Teacher Interviews Term 2, Week 2
Details for booking Transition to Year 6 Parent-Teacher Interviews will be sent out on Monday, 4 April by email. Please save the date:

- Tuesday, 3 May from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm and 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm
- Thursday, 5 May from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

On a related note, if your email address has changed or you believe that the College may be missing your email address, can you please notify the College with a current email address.

Michael Matthews
Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning T-6

PROPERTY MATTERS

College Speed Limit 10km/hr
All parents and family members are reminded that they need to adhere to the College Speed Limit.

This is for the safety of our students, staff, other parents and site workers. Even though you might be in a rush, think how you will feel if you cause an accident and injure someone.

Mr Frederick Schroder
Property Manager

NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

We would like to remind all parents that the official end of the College day is at 2.35 pm.

If your child/children are in T-4 they will be dismissed at 2.30 pm for buses and for pickup. Should you wish to collect your child/children from the class lines under the sails prior to 2.30 pm you will need to go to the Student Reception to officially sign them out. The process for pick up needs to be followed by all parents to help us make sure children are safe. Children also respond positively when their parents follow the expectations of the College.

If parents do sign their child/children out prior to the end of the College day, they will be expected to provide a reason for the early departure to satisfy Attendance Legislation. This can be done in person by the parent to the Office Staff when completing the sign-out process or via the provision of a note explaining the reasoning at the time of sign-out. It is a College expectation that parents follow and comply with these processes and support staff by putting this into practice.

Please be aware that if your child/children is involved in an after-hours activity, the College has no rostered supervision after 4.30 pm. For those activities that occur after College hours, you are required to collect your child/children at the agreed pick-up time. In the case of an emergency or situation that impacts on your child being collected on time, please contact the College Office to make other arrangements.
ANZAC DAY: MONDAY 25 APRIL 2016

Each year a record number of students from WAC proudly represent our College at ANZAC services throughout the Shire. This year is no different, so make sure you mark the date on your calendars. Students who attend an ANZAC service in their full WINTER uniform including hat will receive a Community award.

Details received so far for local services;

Picton
As in previous years the parade assembles in the car park behind the Picton Hotel for the march to Memorial Park at 6.30 am. As the majority of WAC families attend this service, students are asked to begin arriving from 6.00 am.

Hill Top
6.00 am at Hill Top Memorial Hall.

Camden
Dawn Service 5.30 am Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park RSL Memorial, Cawdor Road, Camden.

Thirlmere ANZAC Service - Sunday, 24 April
Meet for the March on Westbourne Avenue at 1.30 pm. March will commence at 1.45 pm and work its way through the centre of Thirlmere to Thirlmere Memorial Park, located on the corner of Oaks Street and Barbour Road. The ANZAC service will commence near the War Memorial from 2.00 pm.

Mrs Lisa Maher
ANZAC Coordinator

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS NOTICE

Please be aware that in the interest of safety as well as better security, we have installed more cameras throughout our car parks and set down bays within the College. We have also installed more in and around our buildings.

Mr Frederick Schroder
Property Manager

PI DAY

Ethan Zvargulis in Year 9 is this year’s Pi Day Champion reciting 110 decimal places of Pi.

Miss Kristy Allon
Secondary Teacher
**Kindergarten 2017**

Please be advised that all existing Transition students will automatically be enrolled for Kindergarten 2017, unless we receive written instructions to the contrary.

Parents do not need to complete any additional forms or pay a further application fee. Their enrolment into Kindergarten will occur automatically.

You will receive further information about the Kindergarten orientation process later in the year.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Mrs Lorna Harper*

*Acting Development Manager*

**Mother’s Day Stall - Present Wrapping Day**

Thursday, 7 April 8.00 am to 2.00 pm in the Cafeteria

The Mother’s Day presents have arrived and need to be wrapped. Have a coffee, meet some new people and get a sneak peak at the Mother’s Day presents.

If you would like to help on the Mother’s Day Stall (Friday, 6 May, 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm) please let me know at the Wrapping Day or email dvmcpherson@bigpond.com

*Mrs Vanessa McPherson*

*P&F Committee*

**2017 Term Dates**

Please find enclosed in this Waratah Weekly the 2017 term dates for your information.

*Mrs Rhonda Hay*

*Headmaster’s Secretary*

**Animals on College Grounds**

We would remind all visitors to the College including parents that the College Animal Policy precludes ANY animals from being brought onto College grounds, without the prior written permission of the College. This Policy is in place to ensure the safety of all our students as part of our duty of care.

We would respectfully request that all visitors take note of the sign on the College entrance gates and refrain from bringing animals onto College grounds.

Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.
**MATHS CLUB YEARS 3-6 2016**

Great to see lots of students coming and practising their times tables, number facts and problem solving questions.

When: Every Monday at 2\textsuperscript{nd} half lunch in Mr Wayne’s room, downstairs in Elizabeth 9.

If any further information is required, please contact me at d.wayne@wac.nsw.edu.au

Mr Darren Wayne  
Primary Teacher

**APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT 2017**

Applications continue to pour in for 2017 and beyond across all year groups, but especially our entry years of Transition, Kindergarten, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 11. All current College families looking to enrol siblings for next year are encouraged to do so without delay.

Application packs are available from the College Office or from the College website.

Mrs Lorna Harper  
Acting Development Manager

**WAC EQUESTRIAN - OXLEY COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN DAY**

Equestrian events are held throughout the year and the timing of these events will be promoted in the Waratah Weekly. Students who enter are representing the College and need to have the College saddlecloth, brow band and helmet cover. Brow bands, helmet covers and saddlecloths can be purchased or hired for the events from the College Office.


Mrs Louise Saint-John  
WAC Equestrian Team Manager
The 2nd round of the HICES Debating Competition was held at Broughton Anglican College on Thursday, 17 March. The theme for this round of the debates was Tourism.

The Senior and Opens teams used their hour of preparation to develop very strong team lines on the topics: *That tourists should be banned from climbing Uluru* and *That security in airports has gone too far*. Both teams were successful.

The Junior School team debated the topic *That tourists need to visit regional and rural areas to experience the true Australia*, presenting the affirmative side and winning the debate. The Middle team were narrowly defeated in their debate on the topic *That tourist operators are harming the Great Barrier Reef*.

Our squad of over 30 students travelled to Broughton to participate in their own debate and then watch and support other teams from the College. The regular series of debates provide a wonderful opportunity for the students to meet up with debaters from other schools and establish a friendly, if competitive rapport.

We had another great evening of debating and all our students deserve congratulations for representing the College with pride.

The 3rd round will be held at Broughton Anglican College on Wednesday, 18 May from 3.30 pm onwards. Parents are welcome to attend and watch the debates.

Mrs Wendy Croger
Secondary Teacher

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**English Competition 2016**

The English Competition will be held on Tuesday, 2 August this year. Selected students in the Primary, along with students in 7 Grace, 8 E1, 9 E1 and 10 E1 will be sitting the test.

If your child is not in one of the classes listed above, and you would like them to have the opportunity to participate, please fill in the note enclosed in this Waratah Weekly and return by Wednesday, 30 March, to Mrs Croger for Secondary students and Mr Matthews for students in the Primary.

Mrs Wendy Croger
English Coordinator
MISA
This week in MISA we played Mount Carmel Catholic College. As expected they were tough competitors. Despite this, WAC managed to walk away with two wins and a couple of extremely close losses.

The boys’ Oz Tag had a strong 8-4 win which should secure them a spot in the Grand Final with only 1 round remaining in the competition. The girls’ side had a narrow 2-3 loss despite playing well.

Our Cricket teams continued to improve as the competition has progressed. The boys had another win which, like the Oz Tag side, should give them a spot in the final. In the girls’ game Georgia Tapp had a strong all round performance and was WAC’s highest scorer for an individual innings so far this year. Nina Hvejsal also had strong figures of 1/6 with the ball.

In Basketball both sides were strong in defeat. The girls only lost by 7 points and were assisted by some strong shooting from Mekdes Geist and a great free throw from Lilli Madden. The boys went down 27-7 but were still strong in defense.

In Volleyball the boys suffered their first loss of the season going down 1-2 against some quality opposition. Despite the loss the boys should get a rematch against Mount Carmel in the Grand Final in two weeks time. The girls’ side improved in each set but despite leading in the final set couldn’t close out the game and eventually lost 3 sets to 0.

AICES Hockey
Congratulations to Molly Birta, Isabelle and Jecia Robertson who competed at the AICES U16 Hockey Gala Day as part of the representative NASSA side. It was a very tough but worthwhile competition for the girls and they represented both the College and NASSA organisation well. A special thank you goes to both families who not only travelled to the Central Coast to compete but also assisted the team with coaching and managing roles on the day.

NASSA Netball Gala Day
The NASSA Netball Gala Day will take place on Thursday, 7 April (Week 11). These teams have been selected and names have been posted on the Sports Noticeboard. Students must see their respective coaches if they are yet to receive a note and return it to them asap.

WAC Cross Country
This year the Secondary Cross Country Carnival will take place on the morning of Friday, 8 April. Students need to ensure they come dressed in their full sports uniform and they must bring their usual class books and stationery for the remainder of the day as the Carnival will conclude at recess. The top six in each event will progress to the NASSA Carnival which is on 26 May 2016.

NASSA Football (Soccer) Trials
In last week’s WW students were notified about the upcoming NASSA trials. In total we had 16 students show an expression of interest in trialing for these Representative sides. Despite this strong showing, most students are not playing at a high enough level to be considered for these trials which involves eight very competitive schools. After speaking with the NASSA Coordinator he has recommended that only current rep players should attend the trial. Those students who have been selected to attend this trial will be contacted in the following week with the arrangements.

NASSA Touch Football Gala Day
This year four teams from WAC will be included in the NASSA Touch Football Gala Day on 2 May. There will be U15’s and Opens teams in both the Male and Female divisions. Further details regarding sign ups and trials will be published in the Daily Notices in the coming week.
Upcoming Events:
AICES Swimming            30 March
NASSA Netball Gala Day     7 April
WAC Cross Country Carnival 8 April
NASSA Soccer Trials        28 April
WAC Athletics Carnival    29 April
NASSA Touch Football Gala Day 2 May

Mr Mark Goldsbrough
Secondary Sports Coordinator

PRIMARY SPORT

WAC Primary Cross Country 2016
It’s that time to grab the joggers and get ready for the annual carnival. This will be held at the College on Wednesday, 6 April 2016, starting at 12.45 pm. Junior ages will be running first (8-9 year olds) and the last races of the day will be the 12 year olds. Parents are very welcome to come and cheer on this special day.

WAC T-2 Cross Country 2016
Mr Coutts-Smith and the junior staff will be running the annual carnival. This will be held at the College front oval area, Friday, 1 April 2016, starting after lunch at 1.35 pm. Parents and friends are very welcome to come and cheer on this special afternoon.

Year 3 and 4 Basketball Competition Term 1, 2016
Due to last Friday’s storm, the same teams will be playing tomorrow. Finals will be on the last week of term.

NSWCIS Primary Swimming Carnival 2016
Well done to Eloise McMiles and Lauren Cameron on their great effort at Homebush last Tuesday. Eloise swam in four events and performed admirably, breaking several personal bests. Lauren swam in the 50 metre freestyle and also broke her best time. Great work girls!

Mr Darren Wayne
Primary Sports Coordinator 2016
Yesterday games were played against St Peter's Anglican school. The basketball teams continued their run of victories. All other teams had narrow defeats. The senior cricket team deserve a special mention, losing by just 1 run.

All games next week will be played against Macarthur Anglican School at WAC. This will be our last Summer IPSSO game for the term. The season will conclude in Term 4.

Mr Stuart Houweling
IPSSO Sports Coordinator
WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

On Friday, 18 March Joshua Castle, Oliver Castle, Dr Eaton and Dr Quarmby participated in the World’s Greatest Shave and had their locks cut off in front of an excited crowd of students. We are very thankful to hairdressers J’cobbi Kelly (former student) and Monica Utberg from ‘Attitude Hair and Beauty’ at Thirlmere for giving up their time so our students and staff could participate. Team WAC has so far raised over $400.00 to go to the Leukemia Foundation. If you wish to donate to this great cause please go to http://worldsgreatestshave.com/

YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK TO WOOGLEMAI ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

On Wednesday, 16 March students in Year 9 Faith and Grace headed off with Mr Hart and myself to the Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre. With the threat of rain earlier in the week, the weather on the day turned out to be fantastic. After meeting the guides for the day, the students oriented themselves with a wide range of taxidermies of native and introduced animals as well as the centre’s pet python. Students were then introduced to a range of geographical Instruments with funny names and they went out into the bush to take readings and sketches from a sample quadrat study area.

Students gained a variety of new skills in collecting and recording geographical information and were able to compare native bushland with that impacted on by humans to study changing patterns of biodiversity. The students represented the College exceptionally well and it was most enjoyable accompanying them on this Fieldwork excursion.

Mr Douglas Hewitt
Secondary Teacher
Wheels at Wollondilly
Saturday, 7 May 2016

Join us at the third Wheels at Wollondilly Car Show. Entry is open to any make, model, year including bikes, trucks and machinery. Gold coin donation for spectator entry and $10 to register a vehicle. Food will be available on the day along with various car orientated vendors.

The College campus allows the show to have almost unlimited space for show cars/bikes/trucks/machinery along with easy truck access and trailer parking if you tow your vehicle. There is also extra sealed car show parking for 2016.

See our full page flyer for further details.

ROCKER COVER RACES

Why not have a go at the Rocker Cover Races at this year’s show - it’s free! Just bring along your Rocker Cover Racer and test its speed against the competition. Open to all ages and classes from the College.

Don’t know what Rocker Cover Racing is?

Starting with a rocker cover from an automotive engine, a “racer” is created by adding a chassis, wheels and weights. Racers can be engineered in any way you want, so long as they follow the official rules (see http://www.bosskraft.com/wheels--wollondilly.html), and can take on any personality or character that you see fit. There are trophies for individual winners and the fastest College class.

BE A VOLUNTEER

If you have ever visited one of our awesome P&F events, you will have seen that it takes a small army of volunteers to ensure the day is a success. Wheels at Wollondilly is no exception.

You will find enclosed a Volunteer Expression of Interest form which lists the various areas of the event where help is needed. You can volunteer anything from an hour to the whole day — whatever time you can spare will be most gratefully received. You might be planning to attend the event with your family and could spare just an hour to give a well deserved break to a volunteer serving on a stall for the whole day. You can then return to your family and carry on enjoying your day. No amount of help is too small!

Fill in the Expression of Interest Form TODAY.

…because our kids are worth it!
WOLLONDILLY ANGLICAN COLLEGE P&F ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

Wheels at Wollondilly
SATURDAY, 7 MAY 2016

• Open to all makes and models: Cars/bikes/trucks/machinery
• Free kids activities including Rocker Cover races
• $10 show car entry
• Emergency Services display
• NSW Vintage Police Vehicles display
• $5 entry per car for spectators
• Additional trophy categories for 2016

For full details see our website
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No dogs, alcohol or smoking on College grounds. Images and conduct in keeping with the Christian ethos of the College

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From time to time, families undergo trauma such as severe or terminal illness. There are short term **support structures in place at the College to assist families** during these times. Parents have kindly offered practical support such as meals for other families. Please contact Mrs Hay or Mr Shaw at the College, to assist. Confidentiality will be respected when requested.

**Little Elves**  
Little Elves OOSH offers Vacation Care daily during the April school holidays from 6.30 am until 6.15pm at Bargo Public School. We go bowling, we go to the movies, we play games, we play on the computers & lots more. If you would like to see the program or obtain a quote as we are registered for Government Rebates please email Jennifer littleelvesoosh@gmail.com or call 0418 814 031.

**PCYC Southern Highlands - School Holiday Activities**  
Oz Tag and Dodge Ball (5-12yrs) Monday, 11 April. Gymnastics and Netball (5-12yrs) Tuesday, 12 April. Tennis and Soccer (5-12yrs) Wednesday, 13 April. Archery (8-16) Thursday, 14 April. Gymnastics (5-12yrs) Monday, 18 April. Tennis and Netball (5-12yrs) Tuesday, 19 April. Oz Tag and Dodge Ball (5-12yrs) Wednesday, 20 April. Soccer and Archery (5-12yrs) Thursday, 21 April. Each day we finish with popcorn and a movie on our indoor big screen. Lunch is included. Bookings are essential and payment must be made before the day of the activity. For prices and bookings please call (02) 4868 5200.

**Kids in the Park**  
Sydney’s largest school holiday program returns this autumn school holidays! There are 60+ fun-filled activities to keep kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under $25.00, making it affordable to discover Sydney’s most exciting playground this holidays. Archery – Kids on Target & Little Archers, All Day Holiday Recreational Program, Science, cooking, writing workshops, Gymnastics, Circus Skills & Flying Trapeze, ARTEXPRESS at the Armory, Park Patrol - Camouflage, Sport & adventure camps, Giants AFL Clinic, ...and lots more. Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au

**Celebration Seniors Week**  
Thursday, 7 April 2016. 10.00 am until 2.00 pm. Great activities to get you moving plenty to get the mind improving. Free lunch. Service Stalls. Medical Health Checks. Sing Along. 6 Harper Close, Tahmoor. Tahmoor Community Centre. For catering purpose please RSVP: tegan@communitylink.org.au 4683 2776.

**Wellness Retreat**  
Do you experience depression &/or anxiety? Are you 16-30yrs of age? Consider “Wellness Retreat” 5 therapeutic workshops led by counsellor, Carrie Wallis Five consecutive Mondays 12.30 pm-2.30 pm at Holy Trinity Tahmoor Hall commencing 9 May Cost minimal (Subsidized by Wollondilly Council) Enquiries Karen Flanagan kmflanagan@bigpond.com 0435 517 454 (Includes an option to continue for a further 15 weeks, during terms 3 and 4, free of charge.)

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WOLLONDILLY ANGLICAN COMMUNITY CHURCH (WACC)
Wollondilly Anglican Community Church (WACC) meets in the Clifford Warne Auditorium every Sunday at 9.00 am. Contact: Rev Kevin Flanagan 0418 281 430 or (02) 4681 8742.

At Easter we remember how Jesus loved us so much that he willingly died on the cross as our substitute. He took the punishment you and I deserve. Because He rose from the dead He now offers us the free gift of eternal life, complete forgiveness and a life energised by Him. He famously said, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full”.

HEADMASTERLY HAPPENINGS

March

Thursday, 24: Student Enrolment Interviews 2017
Friday, 25: Good Friday
Saturday, 26: Easter Saturday
Sunday, 27: Easter Sunday
Monday, 28: Easter Monday
Tuesday, 29: Student Enrolment Interviews 2017
Wednesday, 30: Student Enrolment Interviews 2017
Thursday, 31: Student Enrolment Interviews 2017

April

Friday, 1: Student Enrolment Interviews 2017
WAC T-2 Cross Country
Saturday, 2: Tigers v Sharks
Sunday, 3: Australian Women Pioneers Function at The Oaks

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Thank God
- For the example of World Leaders willing to stand for what is right (irrespective of whether it is popular).
- That Christ died for us – even when we were his enemies.
- For churches and schools like ours who keep alive the true message of Easter.

Ask God
- For strength in our politicians to lead the way in moral and spiritual matters.
- That He will continue to bless our College.
- That the powerful message of Easter will break through the politically correct, lily-livered rhetoric that pervades the mood of some in the halls of power.

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity