Digital Natives

My dad never had an email account. Nor did my wife’s father and nor did her mother. My mum has an email account which makes her the trendy one. Dad used to say emails were a pest. “Go and chat to the person. If you can’t meet them, ring them. If you can’t ring them, leave a message on their answer machine”, he would say.

There is merit to that thinking and I still employ it today – meet face to face first; call second; email as a last resort – or – for quick communication where offence is unlikely.

We live in a digital world. I cannot imagine being a Headmaster without an email. Technology marches on. Now I need a “Dropbox” because two important organisations have stopped sending me emails and insist on me opening a dropbox. What was that password again?

I am past the point where I am expected to monitor my kids’ use of technology and perhaps it is just as well – but there are a few gems of wisdom that were useful in my days as a dad with dependants that are just as useful today, so, whilst there is still one or two shreds of credibility left, here they are –

- If you don’t eat together – then start. Families don’t communicate when the TV is on – especially blokes. Next step: ban mobile phones from the meal table.
- Get a mobile phone card for the kids. If the card runs out they pay for a new one. They may even discover a thing called a land-line.
- Set the internet up in open areas. We do this at the College too. Set boundaries for sites for kids. Investigate site blocking software. We do that at WAC too.
- Help us teach your kids about breach of copyright.
- Have conversations about inappropriate “potty” language on radio stations, TV shows, websites and the like. Model wholesome language yourself.
- Encourage kids to be discerning, even for supposedly innocuous sites or shows like music channels when images and lyrics bury themselves deep in the growing brain where they are sanitised, normalised and popularised without any conscious thought.
- Encourage them to separate facts from marketing. The most common aim of an advertisement is to sell products and it is not the welfare of your child. For parents the focus is the total opposite.
- If you allow them access to chatrooms – insist that they only talk to friends; ask them to watch the time; never adopt a false name; only ever write things that you would be happy to be posted in the College newsletter the next day (with yourself as the author).

I don’t have a Facebook, Snapchat or Twitter account: Nor does my wife. Perhaps we are the fossils of the future; maybe even the fossils of today. We missed a party the other day. My wife found out and apologised to the host on the phone that she had misplaced the invitation. “Oh – it only went out on Facebook and I forgot you didn’t have Facebook”, came the reply. I was shamelessly eavesdropping and caught the part of the conversation that mentioned the date and time of the party: same night as the Tigers played the Warriors at Campbelltown. Mark one up for not having Facebook.

That’s enough for this week: Got to check the emails.
FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

NAPLAN 2016 – Information for Parents

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10–12 May 2016.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at the College.

Friday, 13 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:
- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions that severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments that reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the Deputy Headmaster, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Deputy Headmaster. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, you must sign a parent/carer consent form. Consent forms are available from Mrs Gregory the Learning Support Coordinator.

Please make an appointment with the Deputy Headmaster if you would like further information about your child’s participation in NAPLAN.


Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster
STUDENTS FROM YEARS 11 AND 12
Better Parenting in 2016
A challenging gig at any moment in your child’s lives and one that sees methods and strategies that rarely fit a one size fits all category. The following are 10 tips plus a bonus one on that may prove useful at different times along the parenting journey:

1. **Encourage more**
It is self-belief rather than lack of ability that holds many kids back from really achieving their best. Parents mirror back to their children how they see themselves. If you are naturally negative start by focusing on children’s strengths, let them know how they can improve and give them real responsibilities so they learn that their parents have faith in them.

2. **Discourage less**
Every parent wants to build their child’s confidence, realising their confidence levels are related to kids’ happiness and success. Start this process by eradicating discouraging parenting practices such as fault-finding, spoiling, overprotecting and fixing kids’ problems all of which send kids the message that “as I am, I’m not good enough”.

3. **Breathe more**
If you found yourself over reacting to kids’ poor behaviour last year then –take a breath (step away if necessary) before you over react (as deep, nasal breathing not only calms you, but alters your thinking as well).

4. **Yell less**
When we’re under stress we usually respond at our lowest skill level, which at times is not pretty. As a parent we often get stressed when we want out kids to cooperate so we’ll either repeat ourselves, yell or both! Your non-verbals – strong body language, steady face, move into their proximity - indicate you mean what you say. It’s not aggressive, just good management and smart leadership.

5. **Teach more**
Teaching and training needs to be part of the every day repertoire of a parent so you can train them for independence. This means you may need to add extra time to many of our interactions so we can help children acquire many of the basic skills of living, whether it is a young child learning to do up his or her shoelaces or a teenager learning how to fill out his or her tax form.

6. **Do less**
When we are busy it is often easier to do things ourselves than allow our kids to to do them including tidying toys away, getting themselves up and packing school bags. The trouble with that method is that our kids stay dependent on us, and we are always busy. Do less, rather than more for your kids this year.

7. **Give more**
Moving kids from thinking 'me' to thinking 'we' takes work these days as families are small and parenting tends to be child, rather than family-focused. Develop a sense of altruism by encouraging your kids to volunteer, giving some pocket money to charity, and giving away old or unused toys.

8. **Fight less**
If you always seem to be fighting with one or two of your kids sit back and assess what’s important and what’s not, and then only fight over major stuff. Fighting over minor issues burns up parent energy and damages relationships. Make a list of minor and major issues as a reminder.
9. Model more
Copying is the easiest and fastest way to learn anything. That’s how kids learn. They see. They do. They see their mum swear. They swear using the same words and tone as mum usually in front of your relatives and friends!!! Harness the power of modelling for positive purposes such as helping your kids think through problems; let your kids see you compromise so they know how to give and take in relationships; let them hear you ask for what you want so they know how to be assertive rather than aggressive.

10. Criticise less
Are you continually critical of children? Is your antennae set to notice their faults and weaknesses and not their strengths? Perhaps someone in your family is like that? Recently I heard that the average adolescent hears five critical comments at home for every one positive comment. Who’d like to live in a toxic environment like that? It seems many kids do. If this is you, then reset the antennae and start noticing kids’ good points. Otherwise, learn to hold your tongue.

Bonus 11. Learn more
Many parents are using methods that just aren’t working for them. If the manual you are operating from – the one inside your head – is not working for you then its time for an update. So this year take a course; read some books; develop a relationship with a respected professional. Do something significant to put you on the path to parenting improvement.

(Grose 2016)

Formal Assemblies
Formal Assemblies at the end of each Term are a great way to recognize student achievement in a variety of areas of College life. Formal Assemblies also present an opportunity to showcase talent in the Creative and Performing Arts. I am constantly amazed at the wealth of talent that the College has in these areas.

Middle Formal Assembly Thursday, 7 April and Senior Formal Assembly Wednesday, 6 April.

Both Assemblies will commence at 8.30 am in Warne Auditorium and the award recipients and their parents are invited to join Dr Quarmby for morning tea on the Deakin Verandah following the assembly. The parents of award recipients will be notified by email this week. Recipient names will also be in the Daily Notices on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Peer Support
This week marks the final week of Peer Support for 2016. The program has provided a great opportunity for Year 7 2016 to transit from Primary in an environment with two supportive Peer Leaders and a small group of peers meeting up and working through a program aimed at developing resilience. I would like to commend the Year 10 Peer Leaders on their approach to and delivery of the program. It has been a great leadership opportunity and learning experience. Year 7 students are encouraged to maintain contact and build on the relationships formed with students in their groups and to use their leaders as a supportive peer who they can access if they require support in any area of College life.

Blazers for Students in the Middle Years (5-8)
A continued reminder for students and parents of Middle students as we commence the wearing of Blazers for students from Year 5 and up at the College on return to Term 2 2016. Please ensure that these purchases have been made to assist with a smooth start to Term 2 2016 in the area of uniform.

Mr Liam Toland
Director Pastoral Care (T-12)
Wheels at Wollondilly
Saturday, 7 May 2016

Wheels at Wollondilly attracted over 250 vehicles in 2015 and this year looks set to be even bigger. Be sure to mark your calendar — don’t miss this great event!

FREE* Kids Activities
- Rocker cover races — make sure you come along and cheer for your friends
- Tahmoor 1st Scouts rope bridge and rope challenge
- The Council Outreach Trailer with free kids activities like plaster painting
- Electric go-karts and replica BMW vehicles
- Pee Wee Scooters
- Our amazing face painter, specializing in everything from pretty princess to Wolverine scars for boys and girls alike

Main Attractions
- NSW Historic Police Vehicles
- Entry is open to any make, model, year including bikes, trucks and machinery
- Even more trophies available for entrants in 2016

Treat Yourself
- Delicious hot food available at our food stalls
- Enjoy a barista coffee from our coffee van and an indulgent cake from our sweet treat stall

Wollondilly Stage
- Be entertained by our talented creative arts students on the Wollondilly Stage including our guitar ensemble, vocal students, College choir and soloists

Further Information
- See http://www.bosskraft.com/wheels--wollondilly.html for full details and pictures from last year’s event
- Kids’ activities are free after payment of entry at front gate

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.

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. 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

It's on again in 2016!

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 PRIMARY MATTERS

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.

Mr 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
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 Service 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

EASTER PERFORMANCES

Our Year 10 Drama students were privileged to perform the Easter message for three local Primary schools this year. Our students presented the serious story of Easter using a shadow screen and presented a message which focused on the Easter story being a happy one.

The performance was warmly received. Congratulations to all who participated!

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Assistant Creative Arts Coordinator (Secondary)
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

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.

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
**Maths Club Years 3-6 2016**

It has been very encouraging to see some Year 6 students starting to attend. There are over 20 Stage 2 students coming and practising their times tables, number facts and problem solving questions every week.

When: Every Monday at 2nd 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

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**Homework Club**

We have had a great number of students attending Homework Club this term averaging around 100 students each week.

There is no Homework Club next week (week 11). Homework Club will start back Week 1 next term.

Miss Kristy Allon  
Secondary Teacher

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**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

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**Student Banking - 2016 Outback Savers**

Through the Student Banking at the College you are able to earn Dollarmite tokens which can be redeemed for exciting rewards to encourage young savers.

Unfortunately our supply of tokens has run out and we are hoping to receive these tokens this week.

Tokens which have been earned by our College Savers, will be added to banking books when they arrive.

Mrs Deborah Cook  
Deputy Headmaster’s Secretary
'LIVES ON THE LINE' TRAINWORKS ART WORKSHOP

The students of Wollondilly were given the opportunity to work on a community art project ‘Lives on the Line’ with Trainworks Museum and a local practicing artist Celeste Coucke. As someone with an experience and understanding of the arts, I’ve seen first-hand the powerful results that bringing students together through community arts projects can have. Our students showed a keen interest in the stories of objects and enjoyed working with the tactile medium of clay and plaster. The ‘Lives on the Line’ art project is intrinsically valuable because it tells powerful personal stories of the ANZACs and helps the students to understand other people’s experiences, developing our sense of compassion and humanity through the stories of the artifacts of the ANZACs.

During the workshop the students learned about the precious artifacts of the ANZACs, acknowledging the contributions and sacrifices of the NSW railway men who enlisted during World War 1. Over the course of the war 8,447 men enlisted and the art installation consists of over 8,000 ceramic objects. These small, everyday objects – such as buckles, buttons, badges, whistles and other personal items – are the types of things that were trapped in the mud of battlefields and are to this day still being found. The thousands of clay pieces were then pieced together to form a mosaic as part of a larger artwork that will be on permanent display at the Trainworks Museum.

We would like to thank local artist Celeste Coucke and Creative Services and Public Programs Manager, Ann Frederick for asking our College to participate in this wonderful opportunity. Thank you to all our students who contributed to the art installation and I hope to see you at the opening of the artwork.

Transport Heritage NSW invites you to the unveiling of ‘Lives on the Line’ art installation at the Trainworks Rail Museum, 11.00 am, Sunday, 24 April 2016. Trainworks Rail Museum, 10 Barbour Road, Thirlmere.

Mr Simon Denley
Creative Arts and LOTE Co-ordinator

NEW VOCAL TUTOR

It is with regret that we have to announce that Jodie McGuren, our new vocal tutor this year has to step down from her position. An opportunity has presented itself that she can not turn down. I would like to thank Jodie for her dedication to our students, to the point that she has found an amazing replacement, also from the Opera Australia chorus, who lives locally.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you Kirsten Jones.

Kirsten Jones is a Soprano who is locally based in Bargo, NSW. She has been singing since the young age of 8 years old and holds degrees in Music performance and Operatic voice from Wollongong Conservatorium and The Conservatorium of Music Sydney. Currently employed by the world renowned Opera Australia Chorus, she performs regularly in competitions and concerts and has been given lead roles with Sydney based operatic companies, most recently performing "Countess Almaviva" in Rockdale Opera Companies "Le Nozze Di Figaro" last year. She was invited to perform with Dr Steven Stanke at the Coffs Harbour Opera Festival in 2014 where she performed the role of "Nedda" from Pagliacci by Leoncavallo. She has worked in masterclass settings with world famous Opera singers such as Yvonne Kenny AM, Amelia Farrugia, Louise Callinan and John Pringle throughout her three years with the Opera School. She has experience in Musical Theatre as well, performing both chorus parts and lead roles up into her late teens.
Kirsten has been teaching for the past six years, with experience in not only classical music but popular genres too. With a focus on good technique and safe singing she believes that everyone can enjoy lessons no matter how young or old they may be. She also runs a small studio from her residence in Bargo called 'Sweet Singing Studio'.

In the future, Kirsten hopes to work around Australia at the State companies, as well as continuing her work with Opera Australia. Her long term goal is to work professionally overseas both in Europe and the US.

Kirsten will come in to visit the vocal students and will commence her teaching in Term 2. The only difference will be that lessons will take place on Mondays, so even more students can take the challenge to become amazing singers.

If your child would like to learn to sing, or any of the other instrumental lessons we offer at the College please see Mr Shaw in the office for an application form to learn an instrument.

Be interesting, learn an instrument today!

Mr Simon Denley
Creative Arts and LOTE Coordinator
**SECONDARY COLLEGE SPORT**

**Congratulations Ryan King**
Last week Ryan King (Year 12) competed in the NSW All Schools Softball Championships as part of the NSW CIS Squad. Not only did the CIS team win the Championships but because of his outstanding abilities Ryan has gained selection in the NSW side to compete later this year at the National Championships. This is an amazing achievement!

**MISA**
It was a rain affected final round of the MISA competition against John Therry but the games still went ahead.

Congratulations to the Year 7-9 Boys’ Volleyball side who have won 13 out of 15 sets this whole term! This consistent play has secured them a place in the 1st place final next Tuesday! This week’s standout player was Aaron Whittingham for his smooth style of play; however, Regan Boyle also deserves recognition for his strong spike in the 3rd set. The 7-9 Girls’ Volleyball side lost in the tough conditions but have continued to improve each week.

Our 10-12 Boys’ Cricket side also secured their spot in the 1st place final with a dominant 29 run win. Jye Green stood out with 21 not out with the bat as well as three catches and a stumping. Ryan King was our leading run scorer with 23 not out. Unfortunately John Therry forfeited in the girls’ match. The 10-12 Girls’ Oz Tag side had a narrow 3-4 loss despite missing four usual players from their roster. This is the second week in a row they have lost by just 1 point. The Boys side was out classed this week going down 2-9 which will see them finish 3rd on the ladder.

In both Basketball games the opposition was too strong. Our girls’ side were still very competitive throughout the match despite the final score line blowing out 7-25.

Next week most teams will have finals. Students need to check the sports noticeboard next Monday for information regarding these finals once the final standings have been determined this week.

**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. Distances for each event are:
- 3km - U/12, U/13 Boys and Girls
- 6km - U/16 Boys, U/17 Boys, U/18 Boys and Girls

**NASSA Touch Football Gala Day Trials**
Trials for the U/15 Boys will take place today (Thursday) whilst the U/15 girls will trial on Monday, 4 April at Lunch on the front oval. It is yet to be determined if trials will be needed for our open sides but an announcement will go out in daily notices with more information for those students involved.

**WAC Athletics Carnival**
This year the annual Secondary Athletics Carnival will take place on Friday, 29 April. That is the Friday of week 1, Term 2. Students are encouraged to participate on the day to earn points for their House with the top two athletes advancing in each event. A reminder that full College Winter Uniform is required and students wishing to compete in the 1500m event need to be on the back oval and ready to race at 8.00 am.

**Upcoming Events:**
- **NASSA Netball Gala Day**: 7 April
- **NASSA Soccer Trials**: 28 April
- **NASSA Touch Football Gala Day**: 2 May
- **WAC Cross Country Carnival**: 8 April
- **WAC Athletics Carnival**: 29 April

Mr Mark Goldsborough  
Secondary Sports Coordinator
WAC Primary Cross Country 2016
Our annual primary cross country is being held next Wednesday, 6 April 2016, starting at 12.50 pm. We are assembling at the front oval. Junior ages will be running first (8-9 year olds) and the last races of the day will be the seniors. Parents and friends are very welcome to come and cheer on the students in their special afternoon.

Race Timetable:
8 and 9 years:
- Boys 12.50 pm
- Girls 12.55 pm

10 years:
- Boys 1.05 pm
- Girls 1.10 pm

11 years:
- Boys 1.20 pm
- Girls 1.25 pm

12 and 13 years:
- Boys 1.35 pm
- Girls 1.40 pm

Announcement of Age Champions and House Points: 2.15 pm

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, tomorrow, Friday, 1 April 2016, starting after lunch at 1.35 pm. Parents and friends are very welcome to come and cheer on the students at their special afternoon.

Year 3 and 4 Basketball Competition Term 1, 2016
Four matches will be played tomorrow. Finals will be on the last week of term.

Mr Darren Wayne
Primary Sports Coordinator 2016

IPSSO
Games against Macarthur Anglican School were held at WAC yesterday. The Senior basketball team continued their run of victories. They are also to be commended for the sportsmanship that they have shown throughout the first half of the season. The senior Oz Tag team drew. While all other teams had losses

The game against Macarthur Anglican School was also the final game for Term 1. The same teams will complete the summer season in Term 4. Oz tag, Soccer and Basketball players need to return their jerseys to their classroom teacher by the end of next week.

Mr Stuart Houweling
IPSSO Sports Coordinator
TEMPORARY GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE PERSON POSITION

Due to one of our team taking leave for approximately six months, we are looking for a person to fill his position from Tuesday, 26 April until he returns.

The successful applicant would be a hardworking, enthusiastic, Christian person with a positive outlook and a good sense of humour who loves gardening, mowing, and performing maintenance duties while receiving satisfaction from keeping the College grounds and buildings in excellent condition. He would need to be able to fit in with a successful team to ensure our College keeps shining.

A trade qualification for maintenance of buildings and gardens as well as a Light Rigid drivers licence to drive the College 29 seat bus would be an advantage.

He/she would work under the guidance of the Property Manager and some of the duties would include:

- Maintenance of College buildings and equipment.
- Driving the College bus for sport as well as other occasional excursions out of the College.
- Whippersnipping as well as mowing of all the College lawn areas when required using the College equipment.
- Blowing down pathways using the College four stroke blower and electric sweeper.
- Mowing the fields and other rough areas using the College Toro Zero turn mowers as required.
- Weeding, mulching and pruning of the College Gardens.
- Keeping all areas tidy including sweeping, picking up rubbish and emptying of bins when required.
- Weekly servicing of the College onsite sewer treatment plant.
- Cleaning of outdoor equipment such as benches and paths using the College Pressure Cleaner when required.
- Setting up the College Auditorium and other areas when required.

Different seasons of the year as well as different priorities provide new challenges each day at Wollondilly Anglican College. The successful applicant would be required to tackle each new challenge as it may arise.

Applications can be made to the Property Manager at Student Reception by Friday, 15 April.

Mr Frederick Schroder
Property Manager

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

Olivia Carter Year 2 and Bree Watson Year 5 are both members of the Southern Highlands Vaulting club and competed at Sydney Royal on Good Friday in a freestyle walk team event.

With a short preparation they came 2nd which they did really well.
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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 6.15 pm at Bargo Public School. This service offers bowling, seeing movies, playing games, using computers & lots more. If you would like to see the program or obtain a quote please email Jennifer littleelvesoosh@gmail.com or call on 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 finishes with popcorn and a movie on the 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” five therapeutic workshops led by counsellor, Carrie Wallis on 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).

- **School Holiday Mud Fun at the Wollondilly Community Nursery**
  Monday, 11 and Monday, 18 April. 10.00 am until 1.00 pm. Festive earthen building, mud stomping, drumming, percussion and food serving. This is a FREE event funded by Community Building Partnerships. Bookings essential Katrina 0402 900 452. Environmental Education Centre, Wonga Road, Picton.

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.
Youth Week 2016. 8 April until 17 April
‘It starts with us!’ Forum. Forum for young people to participate in discussions, activities and workshops that build their knowledge, skills and confidence to engage in their communities. Register at youthweek.nsw.gov.au 9.45 am—3.00 pm, Wednesday, 6 April, Parliament House, Sydney.

30 Things under $15.00 launch. Looking for something to do, but don’t have much money? Check out this new resource made especially for young people. Join us to celebrate with free food, music and freebies. For more info, or to RSVP, call P:4645 4877 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm, Friday, 8 April at the Bowden Centre, Narellan Rd, Mt Annan.

Tahmoor DNA Dirt Park Jam. Enter for great prizes or come watch some of the best Local & National Freestyle BMX riders. $20 rego fee to compete, or free to watch. Registrations from 12.00 pm. Under 11’s must be accompanied by an adult. For info, or if bad weather, contact Luke P: 4683 2776 12.00 pm - 5.00 pm, Saturday 9 April @ Tahmoor Sportsground

AFL Holiday Clinic and Colour Run. AFL games, skills session and a colour run! Free Junior memberships for all participants, prizes and giveaways. $15.00 per child. Contact Josh 0432 561 451 for more info. 10.30 am - 2.00 pm, Monday, 11 April at Hannaford Oval, Wilton.

Warra Skate & Scooter Jam. There will be live DJ’s, free bbq and refreshments, screen printing and other activities. 11 to 17 years. For more info contact Vikki or Helena 4774 1273 11.00 am - 2.30 pm, Tuesday, 12 April at the Skatepark.

Beauty and Self Esteem Workshop. Receive a mini makeover and learn cleansing tips from a Nutrimetics consultant. While learning about Self Esteem, why it matters and how to build it. Exploring how culture, family & friends influence self-esteem, Behaviours and Identity. Understand why self-esteem is vital for your confidence. Participants receive a free gift bag with teenage skin products. For more info, or to register contact Vikki or Helena P: 4774 1273. 10.00 am -12.00 pm, Thursday 14 April @ Warragamba.

Beach Safety in Wollongong. Do you want to spend a day at the beach with your friends, play beach games and learn all the tips and tricks to stay safe? This is a FREE trip to Port Kembla Beach, INCLUDING TRANSPORT AND LUNCH and will cover beach safety skills, basic CPR, first aid, beach volleyball and lots more! The workshop is run by highly experienced and enthusiastic Lifesavers and Lifeguards from Surf Lifesaving NSW who are passionate about the beach and beach safety. You must register to participate on the day as spots are limited. Contact Fran P: 4677 9643 E: youth@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au for more info and registration forms. Wednesday, 13 April. Pick up at 8.15 am from Picton Shire Hall, Menangle Street Picton ~ Return to Picton Shire Hall at 4.00 pm.

Antill Park Country Golf Club
School Holiday Golf Clinic. Wednesday, 20 April. No handicap necessary. 9.00 am until 12.30 pm. Cost $30.00 per player; $50.00 per family of 2 (each additional player from family of more than 2; $10.00 per head). Register by phoning the Pro Shop on 4677 1240 or ring Rob Berger 0414 378 617 (Registration closes on Tuesday, 19 April). We look forward to seeing you there!
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.

Ask any teacher what the most common question is that children ask about God, and it is this, “Who made God?” It’s a logical question. After all, everything else comes from somewhere or is made in some way, so who made God? The answer, much to the puzzlement of children and adults alike, is that He is eternal; He has always existed, even before the beginning of the universe, and for that matter always will. “That can’t be!” says some thinking child (or adult). Or maybe the answer points in another direction, to the limitations of our human understanding about things that are too lofty and grand for us to grasp.
PRAYER POINTS

Thank God

- For the great opportunities we now enjoy to communicate with each other
- For the achievements of our students this term
- That Easter Sunday is not confined to one day per year but is free to us for every day for eternity

Ask God

- For safety and rest for Dr and Mrs Quarmby as they take long service leave at the beginning of next term
- To give wisdom to Mr Croger as Acting Headmaster, Ms Huxtable as Acting Deputy and to Mr Denley as Acting Director of Studies as they take on more responsibility next term
- That we might strive to meet Godly standards in thought, word and deed
- To be with our kids and to protect them as they navigate through a world that can boast so much information, and at times, negative and harmful information

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

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