I Told Them But They Wouldn’t Listen

Scene 1 – A number of years ago, the ‘Super Coach’ of the U/7 Tahmoor Taipans Soccer team was giving the half time talk. At this age group, there isn’t a point score but all the kids knew we were losing. I had just finished telling them how well they had been playing (trying to stay positive) but informed them that they needed to tackle the other players on the opposing team to win the ball.

Unfortunately one of my players, interpreted the instruction quite literally and went out and ‘tackled’ (flattened) one of the opposing players. (He did win the ball). The parents of the opposition team were understanding once I explained that this particular player had been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and I had failed to give him clearer instructions.

Scene 2 - We had just commenced moving into our new freshly painted house. The carpet was down, the blinds hung, but the house was devoid of furniture. There was always a ban in our house on kicking soccer balls – for obvious reasons. I thought I was very clear with these instructions. I was to be proven incorrect, again. The temptation was too much for my son, who was about six years old at the time, to take a shot through the unobstructed passage from the kitchen to the family room. Not only did he knock down some of the vertical blinds, but he managed to leave a soccer ball imprint on the white ceiling. The imprint stood for some time as a testament to poor communication, until we re-painted some years later.

We all know the importance of clear communication in workplaces, for family, personal relationships, businesses and the wider community. However, we frequently get it wrong. Often as parents and educators we say “I told them, but they didn’t listen’. The situation is further complicated when we misread non-verbal communication, or if we are using digital communication and non-verbal communication is missing.

Digital communication is a fast, and most times, effective way of communicating. Unfortunately, despite our best intentions the message can be misunderstood because the written words, don’t always convey the true intent. The words we use can sometimes be ‘loaded’ and interpreted differently depending on the context. Sometimes poor grammar can be our undoing - ‘Let’s eat Grandma!’ as opposed to ‘Let’s eat, Grandma!’. The comma can save Grandma’s life.

Of course there are times when emailing, texting and social media are misused and can contribute to bullying, harassment or, at the least, harsh and hurtful communication. Digital communication enables people to ‘shoot off’ comments or criticisms when they are angry or upset that are ill considered and harmful. We frequently encourage our students to refrain from making comments on social media which they would be unwilling to say to a person face to face. (We tell them but they don’t always listen).

Good communication is about being able to listen to the other person, showing care in what is said and trying to understand the other person’s perspective in a respectful way. The Bible has a lot to say about good communication. Some examples are below:

- Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing (Proverbs 12:18).
- Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry (James 1:19).
- Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you (Ephesians 4:29-32).

I wonder if God feels ‘I told them but they wouldn’t listen’ as people reject His message to us.
FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY’S DESK

Year 11 & 12 Reports

Year 11 & 12 reports will be sent home with students tomorrow. They will also be uploaded to Edumate. Access to these can occur through the parent portal.

This will enable parents to have reports prior to Parent Teacher interviews next week. Should you have any questions please contact the College Administration.

Ms Jacqueline Huxtable
Acting Deputy Headmaster

YEAR 11 & 12 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Year 11 & 12 Parent-Teacher Night—Tuesday, 24 May—Flynn Collegiate

As of 3.00 pm today (Thursday, 19 May 2016), the booking website will have been shut down in order to produce the interview schedules.

The schedules will be published to www.edval.com.au/book at 5.00 pm on Friday, 20 May. Log in again using your existing booking code, and print off your allocated interview time/s. You can manually adjust interview times or add additional interviews if needed at this time.

A reminder that parents are asked to refrain from booking interviews for Christian Studies. These teachers have appeared in the list of teachers in error and any interviews with these teachers will have hopefully been removed by Friday, 20 May (although their names may continue to appear in the list).

Parent-Teacher Interviews for Year 7 to Year 10 are being held early next term (11 and 15 August) and details will be forthcoming later in the term.

Dr Andrew Eaton
Science Coordinator
**Pastoral Matters**

**Foundation Day**
Foundation Day will take place this year on Friday, 10 June. The focus of the day is to raise funds for missions that are supported by the College. Students are asked to bring in $5.00 each or $10.00 per family to contribute toward missions fundraising. In the lead-up to Foundation Day students will learn about some of the missions supported and participate in some service based programs to gain greater appreciation for the important role they can play serving the needs of others.

The collection of Foundation Day money will take place on Wednesday to Friday, 8-12 June during Roll Call time. An earlier lunch will be taken on the day and the afternoon will consist of a T-12 event where students spectate the Relays component of the Athletics Carnival.

There are two shields that are presented on the day, one for the House Fundraising Champion which is currently held by Telopea and the other for the Activities Champion which is determined by the House that gains the most points in the Relays afternoon. These shields will be presented on the day to the House Captains of the winning House. Relay runners and House Captains will be asked to ensure they are present at the WACA prior to the rest of the College moving to spectate the races.

This is a fantastic event and one in which we encourage the College community to give generously toward. Further details will be provided through the Pastoral Program and future Waratah Weekly articles.

**Mobile Phones**
This is a reminder to students and parents about the College guidelines regarding mobile phone use at the College:

- If parents require their children to carry a mobile phone to the College it must be switched off from when they arrive at the College until 3.00 pm.
- If there is an emergency or the student needs to make contact with their parents for any reason, this will be possible through the College office.
- Students are not to make or take phone calls at any time during the College hours.
- Students are not permitted to take photos, use social media or text at any time during the College day.
- Students should not have their phones out checking them for any reason during the College day.

Students at the College are well aware of the approach to mobile phone use during the College day. We ask that they do not put themselves in a position to receive a Formal Detention for not adhering to the above. We also ask that parents assist and support these guidelines at all times.

**Rural Fire Service Cadets**
Notes are due by this Friday for students in Years 9-10 who have indicated their interest in Rural Fire Service Cadets.

This program will run for the duration of Term 3 on Thursday afternoons here at the College until 4.30 pm.

Please return notes to Mr Toland.

**Mr Liam Toland**  
Director Pastoral Care (T-12)
Our College Photo Days take place on Thursday, 2 and Thursday, 9 June 2016 this year. As advised in previous editions, we have been obliged to move to a two day program due to our increasing student numbers which preclude us from being able to complete all photos in one day. Our two day program will therefore take place as follows:

**Thursday, 2 June 2016**  
**Secondary, Siblings/Family & Sports/Special Groups Photo Day**

This day will include all secondary student individual portraits, all secondary student year groups, all siblings/family photos and all sports/special groups.

Individual photos will take place in Deakin 3 and all group photos will take place at the top of the front playing field, beneath Deakin rear veranda. An alternative group photo location will be advised on the day in the event of bad weather.

**Thursday, 9 June 2016**  
**Primary Photo Day**

This day will include all primary student individual portraits and all primary student class groups.

Individual photos will take place in Deakin 3 and all group photos will take place at the top of the front playing field, beneath Deakin rear veranda. An alternative group photo location will be advised on the day in the event of bad weather.

On both days, Mrs Lucy Gregory will be managing the photography schedule, as well as any uniform or hair issues.

Order forms/envelopes will be distributed shortly for your completion and need to be returned no later than Thursday, 2 June 2016. Payments can also be completed online – please see the order form/envelope for payment information. Group and family photo order forms/envelopes will be available from the College Office.

I would take this opportunity to remind all parents to check the College guidelines for uniform in the College diary. Please help us by ensuring all students follow these guidelines, especially with regards to hair, hair accessories, jewellery, and make-up.

With regards to hair, please note that NO elaborate hair styles are permitted. Students can become very upset if their hairstyle is incorrect, so please help us to avoid any issues arising by adhering strictly to the uniform guidelines. I attach below an excerpt from the College uniform guidelines regarding hair.

**Hair:** Should be one natural colour (original or close to original), no streaks  
**Boys:** Should not cover their eyes. Should be above the collar  
- Should be minimum length 3 for buzz-cuts.  
- Should not be excessively spiked or messy  
**Girls:** Should be tied back at the nape of the neck (for safety)  
- Should allow a hat to be easily worn  
- Hair adornments, eg ribbons etc need to be dark green, black or white only

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College Office or at l.harper@wac.nsw.edu.au.

**Mrs Lorna Harper**  
**Enrolments Officer**
A group of students from Years 8, 10 and 12 will be taking part in the 22nd annual Australian Geography Competition next week.

Approximately 75,000 students from all around Australia have entered the competition. Geography is a vital subject to study because it helps students to understand the world around them, and how people and environments are interconnected.

Students who excel in the Australian competition have the chance to represent Australia in the 2017 International Geography Olympiad to be held in Belgrade, Serbia.

Mr Doug Hewitt
Secondary Teacher
MATHS CLUB YEARS 3-6 2016

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

APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT 2017

Mr Croger is continuing to review applications and interview students during Dr Quarmby’s absence on long service leave. We continue to receive a steady stream of applications across all year groups and I would therefore encourage anyone interested in making an application to do so without delay, especially our existing College families looking to enrol siblings.

Mrs Lorna Harper
Enrolments Officer

Year 9 students competing in the Language Perfect World Championships
Tembo’s incursion to Freds Shed
SECONDARY LIBRARY

Promoting Reading
What book is hidden behind the sign? If you are intrigued by the first line? Do the photos intrigue you? Why not take a chance and read the book? Come and see us in the Library and we will help you borrow a book or two.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016
Any student from Years 7-9 who wishes to compete in the challenge is encouraged to get their username and password from Mrs Pollum in the Flynn Library and then enter their details online. Guaranteed to increase your reading!
Happy Reading!

Mrs Petra Pollum
Secondary Teacher-Librarian

PRIMARY LIBRARY

We are really looking forward to National Simultaneous Storytime at WAC on Wednesday, 25 May (next week). Our T-Year 2 students will be part of a group numbering over 500,000 children, in over 3000 locations around Australia, all listening to the same story at around the same time - 11.00 am. Each class will receive a certificate of participation.

“National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 16th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book…” [https://www.alia.org.au/nss](https://www.alia.org.au/nss), accessed online 17/5/16

On Thursday, the Year 9 Drama students, led by Mrs Talbot, will present their version of the book ‘I Got This Hat’. We will have photos of the two day event in an upcoming issue of the Waratah Weekly.

There may be some wild and wacky hats around the College on those days so keep an eye out!

Mrs Gail Staples
Primary Teacher-Librarian
HAND-IN ASSESSMENTS FOR YEARS 10, 11 AND 12

From this Term onwards, students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will have a slightly more streamlined system for handing in assessment tasks in class. Each student will sign a class receipt page, belonging to the teacher, as they hand their assessment task in. Students who don’t hand the task in at that time will not sign (and date) the page until it is submitted. Assignments submitted electronically already have a date-time stamp, so students will not be required to sign a receipt page. This system also does not apply for in-class tasks like tests, practical tests or examinations. Teachers may also use this system with Years 7, 8 and 9, however, it is optional at this stage for those years.

Dr Andrew Eaton
Science Coordinator

AUF DEUTSCH BITTE!

The Language Perfect Championships started at 5.00 pm on Monday, 16 May and in the first 12 hours Wollondilly students had answered almost 25 000 vocabulary questions. We are currently ranked in the top 20 for German out of over 400 schools from around the world. Wollondilly students are to be congratulated because this great start was achieved solely by students competing in their own time at home. However, students will have the opportunity to compete in class during the coming week. In fact, the Championships last for 10 days until 5.00 pm on Thursday, 26 May. All students in Year 7 and 8 at the College, plus elective German students have been entered into the competition. There are certificates available, as well as the opportunities to win some great prizes.

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

Mrs Carolyn Clark
German Teacher

A FEW PICTURES FROM DR QUARMBY OVERSEAS

Marseille and Genoa
This week our MISA Teams all had games against Broughton Anglican College.

In Softball the Boys’ side remain undefeated with a very convincing 12-0 win. Our Girls played out a 5-5 draw. It was a great team effort by the girls but special mention goes to Emily Wood who hit 2 home runs from 2 batting innings.

In Soccer our Year 7 Boys remained undefeated so far this season with a close 2-2 draw. In the Open Boys an amazing long range goal from Captain Andrew Ramage wasn’t enough with the final result being 1-5. In the Year 8/9 game both sides couldn’t find the back of the net in a tight 0-0 draw.

In Netball our Year 9 girls won 20-17 to keep them undefeated after the first 3 rounds. The Open Girls’ side improved their play this week but could not manage to beat Broughton, losing 16-3.

Next week we play St Pat’s in all Girls’ sports. The Boys’ soccer teams will train at the College whilst the Boys’ Softball will train at Cowpasture.

**CIS Rugby League Selection Camp**

Congratulations to Tom Angel (Year 12) and Will Angel (Year 10) who have made it through the first Round of selections for the NSW CIS U/18 Rugby League side. They will both now attend a 3 day Camp where the final team will be selected to represent CIS at the Australian All Schools Championships later this year.

**NASSA Cross Country**

A reminder that notes need to be returned asap for NASSA Cross Country. Students need to ensure they arrive around 6.45 am as the bus will leave at 6.50 am. Students are also reminded that they must come prepared for Period 6 classes as we will return to the College at Lunchtime.

**Upcoming Events:**

- MISA Golf: 25 May
- NASSA Cross Country: 26 May
- NASSA Athletics: 15 June

**Mr Mark Goldsborough**

Secondary Sports Coordinator

**IPSSO**

This week students played games against Macarthur Anglican. Congratulations to the junior netball team who won their game.

Next week games will be played at WAC against Broughton Anglican College. Junior games will start at 11.55 am. Senior games will start at 12.45 pm. AFL and soccer players are reminded that they will not be allowed to play if they don't have their safety equipment.

Also students should have their ‘Code of Conduct’ forms signed and stuck in their diaries before next week’s games.

Stage 2 College sport students will take part in their final Gymnastics lesson at Wollondilly Leisure Centre.

**Mr Stuart Houweling**

IPSSO Sports Coordinator
NSW Primary Inter Schools Snow Sports Competition 2016
Students from Kindergarten upwards are able to compete in this competition. There are seven different events to participate in within age divisions. The event is from 6-9 July 2016 at Thredbo. Please contact me if you require any further information.

Primary Athletics Program Term 2
Training will be on again tomorrow at lunchtime. We are starting shot put. A big thanks to Mekdes Geist, Kirra Bennett-Smith, Maddison Hockley and Jasmine Ostridge who kindly give up their time to help coach. We will be focusing on correct technique. Please meet Mr Wayne at the 3-4 playground at the back of Elizabeth at the start of Lunch One with your lunch. This program is for anyone in Years 3-6.

WAC Years 3-6 NASSA and NSWCIS Cross Country and Primary Athletics Dates Term 2
Here are some dates for your calendar.

Years 3-6 Cross Country:
NASSA Cross Country is Thursday, 26 May 2016 at Sydney Equestrian Centre at Horsley Park.
NSWCIS Cross Country is Thursday, 16 June 2016 at Eastern Creek Raceway.
NASSA Cross Country permission notes have been sent out and are due back.

WAC Years 3-6 Athletics:
Half Day Carnival: Wednesday, 1 June 2016 at WACA. Carnival times are 8.45 am - 11.30 am.
Full Day Carnival: Wednesday, 8 June 2016 at WACA. Carnival starts at 8.45 am.

WAC T-2 Athletics Carnival 2016
It’s that time to grab the joggers and get ready for the annual carnival. This will be held at the College front oval area on Friday, 27 May, 2016, from 12.55 pm. to 2.20 pm. Parents and friends are very welcome to come and cheer on the students on their special afternoon.

WAC Primary Athletics Carnival 2016
It’s time to get ready for the annual carnival. This will be held at the College on Wednesday, 1 June 2016, starting at 8.45 am - 11.30 am and a full day carnival on Wednesday, 8 June, 2016, starting at 8.45 am. Parents are encouraged to assist with the carnival so please fill in and send back the parent helper sheet that was sent home. I can be contacted at d.wayne@wac.nsw.edu.au as well for more information. Please come and cheer on this special day for our students.

NASSA Primary Cross Country Training 2016
Training is on every Tuesday and Friday at lunchtimes. Please meet Mr Wayne at the start of lunch one with your gear in the Year 3-4 playground.

Mr Darren Wayne
Primary Sports Coordinator 2016
Isabella Craig (Year 7) and Ruby Craig (Year 2) competed in the WAKO kickboxing National Titles on Sunday. Isabella came 2nd in point fighting and Ruby got 2nd in point fighting and 3rd in Kata.

Well done girls on this great achievement!

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. 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.

• Kids@MAC
  Kids@MAC is an afterschool Kids’ Club for children Years K-4, with games, food, songs, craft and Bible stories. This term we’re looking at CS Lewis’s “The Voyage of the Dawntreader”. Come and join us for the adventure. Tuesdays 3.30 - 5.00 pm, Mittagong Anglican Church (Main Street, Mittagong). $3.00 per week or $20.00 per term (discounts for siblings). For more info: www.mittang.com.au, Church office Ph 4871 1947.

• Mayoral Fishing Competition
  Celebrate National Families’ Week in Wollondilly. Saturday, 21 May. Registration 8.30 am. Start 9.30 am. Presentations at 11.30 am. Free event. Only for children under 15 years of age. Contestants will only be fishing for Carp, anything else caught must be released. All children must have adult supervision at all times and an adult will need to complete the registration form. Council encourages all children to wear appropriate floatation devices during the competition. For more information contact Council’s Community Projects and Events on 4677 9643.

• Wirrimbirra Sanctuary Bargo Gala (h) Day
  International Picnic Day Sunday, 18 June 2016 10.00 am to 3.00 pm at 3105 Remembrance Drive, Bargo. Bric-a-brac stalls, * artwork, many items for sale and to view. Enjoy morning/afternoon tea/coffee and lunch choices at the Café, & a stroll through the Australian animal area. Enjoy a Picnic in the Bush for International Picnic Day. *items no bigger/heavier than one person can carry.

• 2016 Together Arts Exhibition
  Wollondilly Shire Council invites the public to view the 10th Anniversary ‘Together Arts Exhibition’ at the Picton Shire Hall celebrating Reconciliation Week to be held from Thursday, 2 June to Saturday, 4 June. The exhibition is made up of artworks by local primary and secondary school children in the Wollondilly Shire. Opening times are 10.00 am till 4.00 pm Thursday and Friday. 9.00 am till 12.00 pm Saturday. For more information call 4677 9611 or events@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

• Craft Camp
  Get creative, make new friends and learn more about Jesus! SU Craft Camp is a small four day residential camp located in a large modern home set on four acres of bushland in the Blue Mountains, providing an excellent location to relax and get creative. Each camper will receive a ‘craft pack’ that includes the supplies they need to complete three different projects. 12 - 15 July 2016. Faulconbridge, Blue Mountains. Girls in Years 6 - 10 (places limited - maximum 12 campers). $230.00 per person. Sign up: http://www.sunsw.org.au/craftcamp

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.
Country Fair 2016

Saturday, 10 September 2016

GET SNAPPY!!
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Categories for each age group are
- Portraiture
- Black and White
- Botanical Study
- Animal Study
- Still Life
- Action
- Landscape
- Artistic computer enhanced or Photoshop

Look out for Entry Forms during Term 2 at the College Office or on the College website.

APRONS ON!!
CAKE BAKE COMPETITION

Categories for each age group are
- Chocolate Cake
- Iced Carrot Cake
- Cupcakes (batch bake of 6)
- Scones (batch bake of 6)

Look out for Entry Forms during Term 2 at the College Office or on the College website.

READY TO ROLL!!
AMUSEMENT RIDES

Sizzler, Gravitron, Wild Chairs, Rocket Ride, Flying Fish, Trackless Train, Super Slide, Laughing Clowns, Pick a Duck

NEW THIS YEAR - flexible payment options
On Sale Term 2

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Design Installation Maintenance Plants/Turf
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Gold
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.

If God is all powerful and in control of the world why does He allow suffering? Answer: The pain and suffering in our world is a consequence of our rebellion against our loving creator. Put simply, we just don’t want Him to rule our lives. But God said in the beginning that if you reject me the good world that I made will be ruined. We now live in a world where there is disease, distress, deformity and death. But God has already begun the long term solution. He sent Jesus to deal with death. Those who put their lives in Jesus’ hands will never die but have eternal life. John 11:26
Thank God
- For the members of our College Council and their commitment to WAC.
- For our growth and the future plans that result.
- For His unconditional love for us.

Ask God
- To help us listen to Him.
- To grant us wisdom in our communication with one another.
- For a wisdom and guidance with the next stage of the building program.

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

*Excellence, Endurance, Eternity*