A truth to die for

It was 16 July 1969 and the teacher on playground duty was carrying a transistor radio close to his ear. It was a strange thing to see. Teachers on playground duty never carried transistor radios close to their ear. Suddenly, and even more strangely, he jumped for joy and started clapping his hands like a madman. "Neil Armstrong has just landed on the Moon". As Primary students we had learnt to feign interest so we made a series of amazed grunts and guffaws then went back to our game of marbles.

I had no reason to believe it or disbelieve the moon landing. It’s just that if you lost the game of marbles, you lost your marble and that was important at the time. They tell me that 20% of Americans now believe that the Moon landing was a fake – a trick to beat the Russians to be “first”. Sceptics will point out things that they believe provide the “evidence” for their strength of conviction – the waving flag (when there could not be a breeze); the lack of an impact crater under the lander; multiple shadow directions meaning multiple light sources (when the only light source should be the sun); lack of stars in photos (when the moon has no clouds to block them); unexplained objects reflected in the astronauts visors; etc. Amazing stuff! Now who’s lost their marbles?

I believe that Neil Armstrong landed on the Moon. One reason for my belief is that in the 47 years since, nobody has come forward to declare it a fake – none of the camera-men, set designers, politicians or the astronauts themselves. Imagine the fortune they could make, just by declaring the truth. Many have since passed away peacefully – still no revelation.

It is also a compelling reason to believe in the birth, life and resurrection of Jesus, although in this case, there are historic (non-Biblical) cross references and a host of eye-witnesses. Perhaps most amazing of all was that the disciples, having already turned away from Jesus in his final hours, not only turned back after meeting him after his death, but preached about him for the rest of their lives. They did not die peacefully. Freedom and life were both available by simply denying the truth. None did.

Matthew Suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia, killed by a sword wound.
Mark Died in Alexandria, Egypt, after being dragged by horses through the streets until he was dead
Luke Was hung in Greece as a result of preaching to the lost.
John Faced martyrdom when he was placed in a huge basin of boiling oil during a wave of persecution in Rome. However, he miraculously survived. He died as an old man, the only apostle to die peacefully.
Peter Was crucified upside down on an x-shaped cross. The story goes that he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die in the same way that Jesus Christ had died.
James The leader of the church in Jerusalem, was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when he refused to deny his faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, he was clubbed to death.
James Son of Zebedee, was beheaded at Jerusalem. The Roman who guarded James watched amazed as James defended his faith at his trial. Later, the officer walked beside James to the place of execution. Overcome by conviction, he declared his new faith to the judge and knelt beside James to accept beheading as a Christian
Bartholomew - Was a missionary to Asia. He was flayed to death by a whip.
Andrew Was crucified on an x-shaped cross in Patras, Greece after being whipped by seven soldiers.
Thomas Was stabbed with a spear in India during one of his trips to establish the church in the sub-continent.
Jude Was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.
Matthias The apostle, was stoned and then beheaded.
Paul was tortured and then beheaded by Emperor Nero at Rome in A.D. 67. (information: c/o Soul Snacks)

Next time you read the Bible, spare a thought for these eye-witnesses. For them, the words of truth that they so desperately wanted you to read were ultimately the words of truth they were prepared to die for.

Who would die for a lie? Maybe one or two – BUT 12 … and more?
Our Annual Country Fair is fast approaching and it will be bigger and better than ever this year. It is a fun-filled day enjoyed by both fair-goers and volunteers. Don’t miss out, there will be plenty to see and do!

BE A COUNTRY FAIR VOLUNTEER
Our Country Fair cannot be successful without the support of volunteers. There are many different activities for parental or senior student assistance and any assistance is very much appreciated, 1 hour or more, whatever suits you. Help is most needed in the following areas: BBQ, pack up, food and drink, White Elephant Stall, Gift Basket Stall. Interested? Pick up a Volunteer Form from the College Office or contact our co-ordinators directly—Lianne at lianne@sproutscatering.com.au or Vanessa at dvmcperson@bigpond.com

GIFT BASKETS
Our popular gift baskets are available again this year and will be sure to be a sell out! Anyone interested in donating a gift basket can pick up a plate from Student Reception, fill it with themed items of your choice and return it wrapped in clear cellophane ready for sale on the day.

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL
All good pre loved items welcome—please note electrical or baby goods cannot be accepted. All donations to be left in or near the trailer at the Maintenance Shed.

SCRUMPTIOUS CAKE STALL
Our Scrumptious cake stall will be open once again and we are welcoming donations of homebaked or shop bought cakes, pastries, slices and biscuits. Please note that we are a Nut Aware College and all nut products should be avoided, in accordance with College policy. Your donation should then be delivered to the College Office on Friday, 9 September 2016.

COMPETITIONS
GET SNAPPY Photography | APRONS ON Cake Bake | LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION Short Film
Have you taken any good photos lately? Do you have a special cupcake or scone recipe? Are you a budding film maker? All entry forms and information are available on the College website.

MARKET PLACE STALL
Thinking of having a stall? If you have a small business or hobby and are interested in booking a stall at the Fair, please contact Brooke Carter on pandf@wac.nsw.edu.au. Application forms are available on the College website at www.wac.nsw.edu.au/countryfair

AMUSEMENT RIDES
$40 Unlimited Rides / per person - Presale  *  $45 Unlimited Rides / per person - On the Day
WRISTBANDS ON SALE NOW  |  NEXT TO COLLEGE CANTEEN  |  Thursday and Friday mornings/afternoons
Year 9 Subject Selections 2017
For 2017 we have again been able to offer a diverse range of subject choices for students moving into Year 9. The range of elective classes running is a good offering for three Year 9 classes.

With the Year 9 Electives, all students received at least their first preference. 93% received the first two preferences.

The Year 9 Courses being delivered are as follows:

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The Year 10 Courses will continue into 2016 as they run over two years. The only variation to this is that Year 10 Hospitality will be offered to a select group of students.

Gold and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Students Conquer the Great North Walk
Congratulations to the 12 Gold level students and 10 Silver level students who successfully completed their expedition last weekend.

The Gold group hiked: Day 1 Cowan to Brooklyn, Day 2 Brooklyn to Pindar Cave, Day 3 Pindar Cave to Rocky Ponds and Day 4 Rocky Ponds to Little Wobby.

The Gold level students headed off last Friday with Mr Croger and Mrs Cochrane to commence their expedition.

The Silver group joined the Gold group at Brooklyn with Ms Huxtable and Mr Hart.

Highlights of the trip: the story telling and discussions around the campfire, spending the night in a cave with some local wildlife, the hills – at least at the top of them, Mt Wondabyne, swimming in the freezing water at Rocky Ponds, the water taxi ride, burgers and chips at the marina when finished. Congratulations to our students at Gold Level: Alex Buick, David Clark, Jade Grindrod, Jason Davies, Joshua Bell, Jamie Bell, Jamie Thain, Maddie Traynor, Max Noakes, Mitchell Jones, Olivia Sprague and Thomas Shakeshaft.

At Silver Level: Amelia Weatherburn, Courtney Lange, Elkie McCormack, Ellie Dunk, Fergus Hayes-Saint, Jake Rockwell, Kirralee Miller, Noah Sarkis, Roy Bramich-Wilson and Sam Napier.

A huge thank you to Mrs Cochrane, Ms Huxtable and Mr Hart who supervised the students over the course of the expedition.

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster
Mr Ian Croger received a Special Recognition Award for 16 years of dedicated service to the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award scheme. This was a prestigious award and Mr Croger was the only person to receive this honour at this Ceremony. In part, Mr Croger was thanked, for the amazing contribution he has made to the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award in NSW and all the young people who have been motivated to achieve their Award. Mr Croger epitomises the very essence of being a volunteer. He can take great pleasure from the fact that he has played an important and sometimes life changing role in the support and development of these Gold Awardees and the others involved in the Award program.

Congratulations Mr Croger, you are a very worthy recipient.

Mr Ian Croger (Deputy Headmaster) and His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret’d) Governor of New South Wales

Dr Stuart Quarmby
Headmaster

STAFF ON LEAVE

I am on leave for the rest of the term as of Monday. Mr Matthews and Mrs Frost will also both be on leave for the last two weeks of term.

While I am away Mrs Maher and Mr Wayne will be filling in as combination Director of Teaching and Learning. They will be taking up some of Mr Matthews and my roles.

Mrs Maher will be the contact person for any classroom or learning issues parents may wish to discuss. Pastoral issues will still be dealt with by Mr McIntosh and Mrs Rockwell.

Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Director of Teaching and Learning (T-6)
As both a police officer and parent, I am concerned about the growing trend to sexually exploit young people online. Being young hasn’t changed, but technology certainly has. It has changed the way young people communicate with each other. It has given them new opportunities for social interactions, and most importantly, more ways to learn about the world and express themselves. Young people are constantly navigating the challenges that we never had to deal with.

Last week’s news concerning a website hosting explicit images of young women also includes stories of women being encouraged to share sexual images of themselves. With Australians being more connected than ever before, it has become critical for parents to talk to their children about the importance of respectful relationships, both on and offline.

This type of online behaviour is not new to law enforcement. Working as a Superintendent in Child Protection Operations, I have seen criminals prey on our children too many times. I know all the things that can go wrong online. I also think technology is one of the greatest assets our children have. This article highlights we all need to discuss the serious implications of posting or sending sexualised images online or through text messages.

And while sex and relationships can be an uncomfortable conversation for many parents to have with their children, this issue brings light to the fact this is an issue we cannot ignore. The reality is this—once you send an image or post one online, you lose total control of where it ends up. Unfortunately, what goes online stays online.

I want young people to be aware that once they send or post something online, they have lost total control over where that image ends up. While they may think they are just sending a photo to a friend, the image may one day end up in someone else’s hands.

ThinkUKnow TOP TIPS for young people:
1. Search for yourself online to find out what your ‘digital shadow’ looks like.
2. If an image of yourself appears on a website or app, and you have not consented to the use of this image, you contact the administrator to seek its removal.
3. Contact the person who has shared the photo or video and ask them to remove it and delete all copies.
4. Keep evidence by taking screenshots and noting the web addresses of the content. You can also use another device to take photos of the content.
5. Google can stop specific pages containing inappropriate images appearing in image search results. This will only help with Google searches. The videos and photos will still be searchable using other search engines such as Yahoo.
6. Make sure webcams are covered when not in use.
7. If you need support, talk to someone you trust, or seek help. Kids Helpline is a great resource.
8. Remember, under Commonwealth law, a sexually explicit image of someone under the age of 18 may constitute child pornography. Young people need to be aware that they may be committing a crime when taking, receiving or forwarding sexual images of themselves or friends who are minors. This applies even if all participants are willing.

Offensive and illegal content can also be reported to the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner, who can investigate and take action on content that is likely to be prohibited under law. *(by ThinkUKnow e-newsletter - July 2016)*

**Pastoral Matters**
It has become a tradition at the College that on the last day of Term 3 the College has a Mufti day and in the afternoon Year 5-11 are either involved in or form the audience for the Talent Quest. We do this as part of an SRC initiative on this occasion supporting the work of an organisation called *Share the Dignity.*
All students T-11 are encouraged to donate a gold coin to support the great work of this cause. We encourage students to be generous and are hopefully of raising a significant amount of money to assist *Share the Dignity*. Further information about the work of this organisation can be accessed via the link below:


The money will be collected on Wednesday, 21 September, Thursday, 22 September and Friday, 23 September in Roll Call time.

**Dress Standards for Mufti Day**
- The normal College expectations apply to hair and jewellery.
- Students must wear enclosed shoes – no thongs or sandals.
- Singlet tops or tops showing exposed mid riffs are also excluded.
- Clothing worn should not have slogans with inappropriate language or messages.
- Shorts - leg length should be at least to mid – thigh.
- Students have been warned that if they don’t comply with these rules, they may be sent home or withdrawn from the day’s activities.

**Term 3 Term Service**
Term Service Term 3 is tomorrow night, Friday, 2 September at 7.00 pm and we would encourage all students and their parents to attend. As part of the evening, support for local families who are doing it tough can be provided through either a donation of canned food or a gold coin donation on the night. Each of the above will contribute points to the Overall House Shield, so please support this cause and give generously. The House Captains from each House will be on hand to collect the items with the totals from each House being added to the Overall House Shield.

**Reminders for the night:**
Ensure that you have your name marked off by your class teacher for Primary and Year Patron for Secondary on the night. Primary staff will be up the front at the end of the night, Secondary Year Patrons will be at the back of the Auditorium.

All students are to sit with their parents on the evening. If for some reason a student is attending without parent supervision, they must sit in the designated area where supervision will be provided by staff.

At no time are students to stand on the chairs, this is a safety concern that we ask parents to address.

It is important to remember that whilst students, staff or guests are speaking at the front of the Assembly it is respectful to ensure that people are listening.

Please turn off mobile phones during the service.

Students performing as part of the service need to return immediately to be seated beside their parents following their performance.

All help to reset the Auditorium for the WACC Church on the weekend following the service is greatly appreciated.

Bring along a non-perishable food item or gold coin donation to support local families in need. House Captains, College Captains, Prefects and House Captains please arrive at the College at 6.30 pm to assist with formal duties prior to the Term Service.

Year 12 students are all encouraged to attend and be involved in the running of this service. It will be the last one for the graduating group of 2016.

**Mr Liam Toland**
**Director Pastoral Care (T-12)**
YEAR 11 BIOLOGY EXCURSION

Last Thursday, 24 August, the Year 11 Biology class attended a study day at the Australian Botanic Gardens, Mount Annan run by staff from the ABG, the Australia Museum and Taronga Zoo.

The students completed a range of practical activities related to the fourth module of the Preliminary Biology course, ‘Evolution of the Australian Biota’.

For many students, the highlight of the day was their close encounters with an inquisitive brush-tail possum and a very hungry echidna. For others, it was the opportunity to see a variety of vertebrate fossils in the brand new Plant Bank at the Gardens.

Thanks go to Mr Rob Rollason for volunteering his time to drive the College bus, Mr Simon Hirth for his assistance with crowd management, and to all of the students for being such fine ambassadors for the College. They particularly excelled themselves in all of the discussions and hands-on activities.

Dr Rob Bearlin
Biology Teacher

VALID

VALID (Validation of Assessment 4 Learning & Individual Development) is an online Science assessment for Years 6 and 10 (and Year 8 later in the year, replacing ESSA). It is optional for all schools for Years 6 and 10. In 2016, Year 6 and 10 students from Wollondilly Anglican College will be doing the examination.

This examination allows the College to evaluate our Science programs, although students will also receive individual reports as well. Students will do a 20 minute Sample Test during class time this week, requiring them to bring their earphones.

The actual VALID examination will be run next week in Week 6 (5-9 September). Students will receive further information closer to the sitting date.

Dr Andrew Eaton
Science Coordinator
TERM SERVICE

Parents and students are reminded that our final College Term Service is this Friday night at 7.00 pm in the Warne Auditorium. Please come along to hear our wonderful guest speaker from the Wollondilly Anglican Community Church (Mrs) Kara Simmons. Kara will be telling us about God and what makes Him magnificent.

This is Year 12s final Term Service and a special invitation is extended to Year 12 and their families. We are particularly looking forward to an item from some of our Year 12 students.

Gold coins and canned food donations will be collected in the foyer on behalf of the Wollondilly Cares Group. The donations will be used to help families in need in the Wollondilly area. In addition, house points will be awarded for each donation.

Students are reminded that they are to wear the College winter uniform.

Mrs Carolyn Clark
Secondary Teacher

SECONDARY TOURNAMENT OF MINDS 2016

On Saturday, 27 August, two Tournament of Minds teams from Years 7-10 competed at UWS Milperra. Both teams had considerable, unexpected challenges this year and both teams did the College proud. In the Maths-Engineering category, the team of Tahlia Majewski (7), Harmony Cusack (7), Catherine Shaw (7), Sarah Clark (8), Ethan Zvargulis (9), Thomas Cuddy (9) and Alicia Moore had to create a futuristic scenario with a machine that could classify mail that fit the dimensions of the Golden Ratio. Their device was successful and they performed very well.

In the Language-Literature category, the team of Will Novak (7), Jack Carroll (7), Abby Miller (8), Madilyn McKinley (9), Ella SaintJohn-Viney (9) and Eloise Roelandts (10) constructed a storyline where Alice (of Wonderland fame), Rapunzel, Peter Pan and Jo March (Little Women) met in a hospital emergency waiting room and shared stories over food they had brought with them. It was an excellent presentation. Each team also had to come up with a solution to a spontaneous problem.

Congratulations to both teams for their excellent work.

Dr Andrew Eaton
Science Coordinator
**PRIMARY MATTERS**

**T-4 Colouring-in competition**  
All of the children in Years T-4 have been handed out this year's colouring-in competition for the Country Fair. This an optional activity that can be completed at home.

Completed competitions are due back to the classroom teacher by Tuesday, 6 September.

**Father's Day Stall, Friday 2 September**  
This Friday students from T-6 will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for Dad from the P&F Father's Day Stall.

All gifts will be $5.00 and they come wrapped and tagged ready for Sunday, 4 September - no limit on how many each child can pick.

The P&F provides this stall as a service to our College students. Any parents/family wanting to help with the stall please email me christine.hazelton@hotmail.com

Mr Stuart McIntosh  
Junior Pastoral Care Coordinator (T-4)

**STAGE 3 EXCURSION POSTPONED**

Due to the predicted rain the Stage 3 Sydney Excursion this Friday has been postponed until early Term 4. Possible dates are 14 or 21 October. These will be confirmed once availability of venues has been established.

Students have been informed and a slip has been sent home this week in diaries.

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

**CHANGES TO CAMEL AND KOOKABURRA BUS SERVICES**

The Camel bus has previously been an express bus service to Camden/Narellan with a focus on providing a quicker service for those students travelling greater distances. This service will be modified to include **One Stop** at the Ambulance Station in Picton each afternoon.

Students on the Kookaburra bus who would normally get off at the Ambulance station in Picton are now asked to catch the Camel bus. This can be actioned immediately.

The bus company has advised that bus passes entitle students **free** travel to and from the listed address on the pass. Students who break the travel conditions of the pass will be asked to pay a fare for their journey. Students travelling to Picton for work or social commitments without a pass **will be required to pay the appropriate fare**.

Mr Liam Toland  
Director Pastoral Care (T-12)
TO ALL PARENTS OF YEAR 10 STUDENTS

It is time to place an order for senior uniform items for Year 11 2017. Senior uniforms are not stocked at Lowes and can only be ordered from the College Uniform Shop or bought second hand from the College Clothing Pool (subject to availability.)

Opening hours for the College Uniform Shop are as follows:
- Monday afternoon 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm
- Wednesday afternoon 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm

Please meet at Student Reception and please do not leave it until the last minute. Even if a student is unsure about whether they are continuing their education at the College in Year 11 2017, it is recommended that they place an order which the College can then cancel. We only maintain a very small amount of stock and orders can take 10 weeks to be supplied by the manufacturers.

Mrs Lisa Grzasko
Credit Controller

DESIGN AN AD COMPETITION

Students at Wollondilly Anglican College have a unique opportunity to "Design an Ad" as a part of the Wollondilly Advertiser FairFax Limited art and graphic design competition. The 'Design an Ad' competition has been running for the past 25 years, involving the participation of the community, students and local businesses. Students are given a design brief for a local business and are asked to create an A5 advertisement without using a computer. The designs have to be made completely by hand using pencil, crayons, felt pens or any form of 2D art, other than digital graphics.

Student prizes include; 1st prize is $700.00, 2nd prize $200.00, 3rd prize $100.00 for Primary and Secondary students.

To register your interest in participating in the 'Design an Ad' competition there is a sign up sheet on the Melba 3 art room door. Students who are invited to participate in the competition include Year 5-6 students and Years 7-11 students.

The competition forms will be arriving this week. To collect a 'Design an Ad' pack please see Mrs Taylor or Mrs Ware at Melba staffroom, first half of lunch only. Please write in your College diary that the 'Design an Ad' competition is due back to Mrs Taylor on Tuesday, 13 September 2016 by 2.35 pm, entries given after this date will not be accepted. Entries may be given to Mrs Taylor or Mrs Ware earlier. I look forward to seeing all your creative designs.

Mrs Belinda Taylor
Secondary Teacher (Art)

APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT 2017

We are continuing to receive large numbers of applications for enrolment for 2017, with demand being high for key entry years of Transition, Kindergarten, Year 7 and Year 11.

I would once again encourage anyone wishing to make an application for next year to do so without delay, especially those looking to enrol a sibling.

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

Mrs Lorna Harper
Enrolments Officer
HICES DEBATING UPDATE

On Wednesday, 24 August the Year 11 Opens debating team competed in the quarter final round of this year’s HICES competition. Wollondilly went to Oxley College for the debate amidst the treacherous weather. The Wollondilly team, made up of Caitlin Konzen, Jason Davies, Max Noakes and Jamie Bell debated the topic: That trade should be linked to human rights.

The team did an outstanding job in preparing and presenting their argument; debating the negative side of the topic. All four students are to be congratulated for their victory in this debate, showing excellence in public speaking and debating the unseen topic. It continues to be a pleasure to coach these students and it is encouraging to see the fantastic progress they have made over the debating competition.

The HICES debating competition continues to provide great opportunities for students to share ideas and develop their skills in a competitive but encouraging atmosphere. The HICES competition represents almost 100 of the top coeducational independent schools across NSW, so to get to this level is quite a significant achievement.

The team will now enter the HICES semi-final against Central Coast Grammar school, on the topic of Terrorism. We wish them all the best with this!

Mrs Croger and Mr Van Netten
Secondary Teachers

‘MYTECH’

Why is the college implementing ‘MyTech’?
Technology has revolutionised almost every part of our lives. It is an important tool used in most workplaces to increase efficiencies and enable people to perform their jobs better. In order to prepare students for this kind of work place we need to be exposing them to a wide variety of technologies and providing them with the skills to be able to adapt to the rapid pace of technological change. This includes teaching them healthy digital citizenship values to match their skills.

‘MyTech’ will allow us to help our students become 21st century learners who are creative and critical thinkers and can work collaboratively with others. Each student having access to their own device will allow teachers much greater flexibility to work at developing these skills. To facilitate this the College is also implementing a new cloud based Learning Management System called Canvas. Canvas will allow students to access class work and move through activities at their own pace. While many students are consolidating the understanding of key concepts, more advanced students can be working on higher order thinking tasks to challenge and extend them. Used well, technology can create more interactive and engaging lessons. When students are engaged they learn more.

The technology won’t replace the explicit teaching of concepts or the interaction between the teacher and the students. Students will still be required to complete handwritten tasks, particularly in Years 11 and 12. We are conscious of the need for students to maintain their handwriting skills. However, we are also aware that from 2017 NAPLAN is moving to online testing and it has also been flagged by BOSTES that the HSC is heading in this direction.

The ‘MyTech’ program will continue to allow teachers to work in partnership with parents to develop a wide range of skills that will help ensure our students are well equipped to move from the College, to further education or into the workforce.

Mr Wayne Baulch
SLIC - Secondary Learning Innovations Coordinator
Our Term 3 Spring Working Bee is happening from 8.00 am till 2.00 pm Saturday, 3 September and there are a number of jobs which need doing.

- The big job will be to clean up the whole College in preparation for the Country Fair on Saturday, 10 September. This will include: weeding, clearing areas for car parking, as well as anything that will help our College to shine on the day.

- Mulch can be added to gardens.

- You will have noticed the hard work put into the Banks roundabout garden by Mr and Mrs Rollason as well as Mr Edwards and Mr Harper. This will be planted out soon by the team but we are planning to revamp other gardens as well so if we get enough helpers during the Working Bee, we will start to redo another garden section of the College.

- The College car park gutters can be swept to rid them of leaves which can then be put on the gardens as compost.

- There are lots and lots and lots of books to cover in Flynn 3 across the bridge from 9.00 am.

- Donations for the Country Fair White Elephant Stall can be dropped at Fred's Shed where they can be sorted. Organizing the gift baskets and sorting the lucky dips are also jobs which need doing.

- During the Country Fair a number of helpers will be required to make it a huge success. It is the P&F’s biggest fundraiser and they need assistance from as many of us that they can get. If you can help for any part of the day, there are jobs below that we need helpers for:
  1. Carparking attendants before the Rural Fire Service arrive to take over
  2. People to man stalls to give others a break
  3. Helpers to set up
  4. Helpers to pack up from 3.00 pm till after the fireworks depending on how much help we get
  5. Rubbish bin emptiers
  6. Toilet checkers

  There is a team of us who will be here for the entire 12 hour day so please let us know at the office if you would like to be a part of this team. Any help given will be very much appreciated.

Between now and then there could be more jobs found that need attending to so don’t forget as we only have a limited supply of gardening tools and equipment it is important that you bring your own gardening tools, gloves and anything else you think might help on the day.

This is also a great opportunity for you to meet and work alongside others within the College community.

As always Morning Tea will be provided by the Wollondilly Anglican Community Church and we will finish the day with lunch provided by the P&F so come along with your tools and smiles with the intention of enjoying yourselves on the day.

Mr Frederick Schroder
Property Manager
WAC COMPETING IN THE TRANS TASMAN GAMES

This year all students from Transition to Year 10 are competing in the Manga High Trans Tasman Games. Students should all have their usernames and passwords, if they don't they need to check with the teacher that teaches them Mathematics.

The competition started on Monday, 22 August and runs until Sunday, 4 September. The competition will be fierce and students have the chance to win individual medals as well as awards for the College.

Let's go WAC!

Mrs Kristy Coutts-Smith  
Secondary Teacher
PRIMARY SPORT

NSWCIS Primary Athletics Carnival 2016
Permission notes need to be returned as soon as possible. The NSWCIS Athletics carnival will be held on Wednesday, 14 September 2016 at Homebush Olympic Park. Parents will have to provide their own transport to the event.

Year 3 and 4 OzTag Competition
Thanks to Thomas Rodgers from Year 6 who kindly offered to referee some games last week. In a very close competition, leaders so far include Flames of Fury, Ballistic Nuggets, Fire Balls, The BB’s and BFF Buds. This competition will run every Friday at lunchtime in Term 3.

Mr Darren Wayne
Primary Sports Coordinator

IPSSO

The final games of the Winter IPSSO competition against Oran Park Anglican College were cancelled. Congratulations to the Senior AFL team for making the finals. The finals will be held at Thomas Hassall Anglican College next Wednesday.

Students who were in Winter IPSSO teams should return their uniforms to their classroom teacher.

Notes for the Term 4 College sport swimming program will be coming home this week. Places in this program are limited, preference will be given to students who have taken part in College sport in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

Mr Stuart Houweling
IPSSO Sports Coordinator

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to Branden Hancock Year 9 who has just returned from America following him competing in the kids world jiu jitsu championships. Branden received a gold and a silver medal in the 2 divisions in which he competed in.

Congratulations also to the following girls who attended the AASCF State Cheer and Dance Championships at the State Sports Centre in Homebush and achieved great results:

Kaitlyn Williams Mini Cheer (4th), Junior level 1 Cheer (4th) and Mini Pom (4th)
Kamryn and Emerson Reid Level 2 Cheer (2nd)
Georgie Ainsworth Open Jazz and Open Contemporary Lyrical (2nd)
Amy Bennison Open Jazz and Open Contemporary Lyrical (2nd)

One more congratulations to Elyse Wood whose Kata team won Gold at the Australian National Karate Championships and Elyse achieved a personal best in her individual event.
Secondary College Sport

Two MISA teams remain undefeated!
Going into round 6 we had two MISA teams undefeated and looking to maintain their position on top of the ladder. The Year 8 Girls’ Netball continued their winning streak with a comprehensive 27-9 win over Mount Carmel Catholic College whilst the 7-9 Boys’ AFL side also won in dominating fashion 86-19. Both these teams have two games remaining in the season and are in a fantastic position to win their respective MISA Championships.

MISA
The 7-9 Girls’ Soccer side had a close 1-1 draw with their goal coming from Charlie Burgess. The Open Girls team scored through Bailey Tzitziris but could not hold out Mount Carmel who eventually won 4-1.

The 7-9 Girls AFL have been competitive each week and were able to secure their second win 27-21. This team is continuing to develop each week in what is their first ever season of AFL. Our Year 7 Netball side is also continuing to develop and bond as a team but this week faced tough opponents, losing 4-18.

Next week we will have games against Broughton Anglican College.

MISA Rugby League
In Rugby League the 7/8 Team played their wash out round against John Therry. It was a close encounter with Matt Simpson scoring with three minutes left on the clock to take a two point lead. Unfortunately our defense struggled and allowed John Therry to score on the buzzer to take a 18-20 win.

In the 9/10 competition we played Magdalene. The boys put on a clinical display in defense and backed it up with minimal errors in attack. A 90 metre try by James Hornery, a try in the corner by Tyler Birman and two excellent individual tries by Jake Rockwell cemented the 22-4 win. Next week they will play Broughton Anglican to secure their spot in the Grand Final.

Accredited Cricket Coaches
Both Mr Russell and Mr Leffley recently completed their ‘Community Coach Accreditation Course’ as part of Cricket Australia’s ‘National Coaching Accreditation Scheme’. Both teachers gave up several evenings to complete this course in their own time. As a College it is great to see coaches looking to further their education to better coach and instruct our students. This further strengthens our current sporting capabilities as well as our future growth.

AICES Athletics
On Wednesday, 31 August we sent out largest ever team of 28 students to compete at the AICES Athletics Championships at Sydney Olympic Park. We had several fantastic performances on the day and a full review of results will be included in next week’s Waratah Weekly.

Upcoming Events:
CIS Athletics 20/21 September

Mr Mark Goldsbrough
Secondary Sports Coordinator

Cricket Level 1 Coaches
Mr Leffley and Mr Russell

Year 8 Girls’ Netball
5 wins from 5 games
NEWS FROM THE INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRES (SEC)

irc.wac.nsw.edu.au

Updates from the IRC website: For those students who are getting ready to sit the RTA test, Aussie driver has provided us with practice tests which will help you learn for your L’s. Access is via the IRC website under Flynn, Driving Practice Tests.

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Premier’s Reading Challenge:
The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge is now finished for 2016. Students will receive their certificates towards the end of the year. Those students who achieved a gold or platinum certificate or medallion will receive these at the end of year assemblies.

Scholastic Bookclub:
Orders are due back to the front office by Wednesday, 7 September. Please remember to put the student’s class on the order form and a large note if you wish the order to be held at the office for parental pickup.

Live a life well read

Mrs Louise Saint-John
K-12 Information Resource Coordinator/Secondary Teacher-Librarian

PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE:
P&F 11th Annual Golf Day

Venue: Camden Lakeside Country Club
Date: Wednesday, 2 November 2016
Players: All Ladies and Men welcome (even if you don't play golf)

For ladies who do not wish to play golf there is a morning tea from 10.30 am and later will join in on the Golfers’ luncheon.

A day for everyone with lots of fun and prizes.

For more information: Mrs Rhonda Hay - 4623 0205
NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY LIBRARIES

PRC congratulations
WAC had 145 Primary students complete the 2016 PRC - a list of names will be published in a future issue of the Waratah Weekly. Students in K, Years 1 and 2 who were at WAC in Terms 1 or 2 are eligible for a PRC certificate – Primary library staff have entered all data for those students. There were 14 students from Years 3 to 6 who completed the challenge independently. Certificates will be distributed in Term 4.

Congratulations to all of the 151 WAC students on completing the challenge.

Fathers and Literacy

Last Friday was a great day of celebrating children’s literature and the importance of reading for all ages and stages - at home and at the College. The Warne Auditorium and the T-4 classrooms were buzzing with stories, literacy activities and the Year 10 Drama class performance throughout the morning. The afternoon saw a parade of characters from books written by Australian authors accompanied by the tunes of ‘Old Man Kangaroo’, Slim Dusty and other Aussie classics. The sun shone brightly, the costumes were marvelous, there was a very appreciative audience of families and friends and a flock of brightly coloured sheep, The Man from Snowy River, Tom, the Outback Postman and Mary Poppins made guest appearances.

Thank you to the T-4 staff, especially Mr McIntosh and Mr Coutts-Smith, Mrs Talbot and the Year 10 drama class, all of the Administration staff, the Grounds and Maintenance team and our Primary Library Aide, Mrs Moller for her hard work in the weeks before and on the day. Thank you also to our families who attended the day and joined in and those who contributed beforehand with costume making and sending in photos of Dads, Uncles, Grandfathers etc reading with their children.

Mrs Gail Staples
Primary Teacher-Librarian
• **Wollondilly Cares**
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.

• **Thirlmere RFS Movie Night**

• **Catholic Care**
Workshops for Term 4. Topics include: Bringing Up Great Teens, Kids and Bullying, 123 Magic and Emotion Coaching, Women as Mothers, Bringing Up Great Kids, Keeping Kids In Mind (post-separation parenting program), My Kids and Me (for parents who have had their children removed from their care), Circle of Security (helping parents understand their child’s word by learning to read their emotional needs), Parenting (understanding divorce/separation from a child’s perspective), Grassroots Parenting and Mental Heath First Aid. For more information regarding course details, cost and bookings please phone 4628 0044.

• **YMCA Picton OSHC Spring Vacation Care**
Vacation Care has been designed with a focus on having fun while learning new skills, making new friends and having new experiences. Children have the opportunity to get involved in a host of activities, day excursions and learn important social skills in a safe and supportive environment. For further information and to make a booking please call 0437 357 289.

Transition with one of their chickens. They are eagerly awaiting for others to hatch while the chickens have a two week stay at the College.

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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.

It’s surprising to hear of how many people have had a near drowning experience. It’s a frightening thing to be out of breath, out of strength and thinking this is the end – until we are rescued by another swimmer or a lifeguard. Jesus rescues us in the same way. We are helpless to save ourselves. We cannot rescue ourselves but as we recognize our desperate need and put up our hand for help he will rescue us. As the Scriptures declare, “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Contact Rob to book your spot. robmeischke@gmail.com or 0437 533 106

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Thank God
• For the bravery of the Bible heroes who did not deny Christ – even to death
• That His truth is universal
• For the privilege of being such an important part of so many young lives

Ask God
• That we may better understand the sacrifice that went into the preservation of the Bible – a book that we can so easily take for granted
• To make His choice clear to the interview panel for the remaining staff positions for 2017
• For His continued protection over our community

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

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