Pride in Belonging

Pride in Belonging? Let’s begin with what it is not.

Pride can be boastful. Pride demands that the world understands the awesomeness of its deeds and so it resonates like a noisy gong – nasty and offensive to the ears of the listener – seeking to penetrate the headlines through amplification and repetition. “I am the greatest.”

Pride can be belittling. Along with demanding attention for the magnitude of its triumphs, pride takes aim at the least, the lost, the lonely and the losers in our community. They become the yardstick of success in that they are all the things that pride is not – they are unsuccessful, friendless, impoverished and helpless. Pride looms over them and points the finger as it declares – “look at these worthless individuals – I am all the more magnificent in that I am not like them.”

Pride can be exclusive. This is a master deception of Satan. It says that God has no right to suggest how I might live. Pride says, “I’m a decent bloke; I’m a good mum; if my efforts on Earth are not good enough then – tough!” This pride convinces the wielder that, “my list of good deeds far outweigh the bad and that at the end of the day that’s all that matters – I have never killed or robbed.” It is a pride that assumes entry to heaven on the basis of resume of deeds and religious or worldly qualifiers. It is a pride that does not require forgiveness or pardon, mercy or redemption.

Pride can be a delusion – more and more commonly brought on by a generation of bubble wrap and helicopter parents – “You are fantastic son, amazing achievement, awesome work, there is none like you under the heavens” – all because he managed to tie his shoes for the first time after refusing for years knowing that mum would tie them anyway. This pride has led a life full of amazing achievements and very few setbacks – dad is there to fight the battles, mum is there to make the phone calls. It is pride before a fall. The first real obstacle in life results in folded arms and a hissy fit. Deluded pride is invested in achievement rather than in effort. “Good result” rather than “good try”.

Like all beguiling tools of Satan, pride is a wide road that leads to destruction and many find and follow it. James 4:6 The Lord opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble

There is no place in heaven for the proud. They will be judged by their deeds, good and bad, and the latter will condemn them. Grace cannot find traction in a hardened heart. But grace will abound and multiply in a contrite heart.

If is such a bad thing, then what do we mean by Pride in Belonging at Wollondilly?

When I am proud of Wollondilly students, staff and parents, I am thankful for their support and dedication; I am inspired by their can-do attitude; I am motivated to be more like them in their generosity of spirit, good humour, unswerving loyalty and dedication to the task at hand; I am moved by their humility; I am stirred to defend them and I am encouraged by their Christian witness and community spirit. This is what Pride in Belonging means for us. In short – I am proud to belong to this community.
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. We are in desperate need of help for the relief of other volunteers on the following stalls – BBQ, Hot Food, Milkshakes, Showbags and assistance with pack up following the fair from 7.00 – 8.00pm. Pick up a Volunteer Form from the College Office or contact our co-ordinators directly—Lianne at lianne@sproutscatering.com.au or Vanessa at dvmcpherson@bigpond.com 0414526864.

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
Last day for presale $40.00 wristbands is Friday morning and afternoon. Kidzone $10.00 wristbands will also be on sale on Friday. All wristband sales will be Cash Only. Wristbands on fair day will be $45.00.
Year 11 Preliminary HSC Examinations
The examination period is from Monday, 12 September to Friday, 16 September inclusive.
Year 11 students will have regular lessons when not doing exams and are expected to remain at the College.

Year 11 students are expected to attend their examinations. If they miss an examination due to illness or a misadventure they are required to follow the process that is outlined in the Year 11 Assessment Handbook. A version of this is summarised below.

Examination Timetables and Procedures have been distributed. Students should familiarise themselves with the expectation around the conduct of examinations and the items that they are permitted to bring in the examination room. It should be noted that mobile phones, electronic devices and smart watches are not permitted in the examination room. Breaches of this requirement could lead to a zero mark being awarded.

**Illness or Misadventure**
Students who believe that circumstances beyond their control may have diminished their performance in a formal assessment task may apply for special consideration due to illness or misadventure. Students should note that if applying for consideration due to illness or misadventure, they should not assume the application would be approved.

The Deputy Headmaster will assess Illness/Misadventure applications in a similar manner as used by BOSTES.

Application for special consideration due to illness should be supported by a Doctor’s Certificate. The College also requests that the student ask the medical practitioner to complete the relevant sections in the application for consideration due to illness. Copies of this documentation are found in the Year 11 Assessment Handbook.

Students who are applying for special consideration due to illness, are to submit the assessment task or be prepared to do the task on the first day that they return to the College. If they do not have the subject on this day they should hand in their assessment task to their subject teacher or the relevant Teaching & Learning Coordinator at their office.

Application for special consideration due to misadventure is to be referred to the Deputy Headmaster and should be supported by a parent letter. Students should note that technical difficulties due to computer malfunctions do not constitute grounds for appeal as a misadventure. Students are advised to save all completed assessment tasks in more than one location. It is recommended that students make back-up copies of work completed at the end of each session in which they worked on the task.

Where the assessment task is an Examination the guidelines for Illness/Misadventure Appeals will reflect the Higher School Certificate Illness/ Misadventure guidelines as outlined by BOSTES. Failure to attend an examination due to misreading the examination timetable does not constitute grounds for a Misadventure Appeal.

Where possible, students should sit for the assessment task/examination even if they intend to apply for consideration to be given for Illness/Misadventure.

**Please note:** To be eligible for the completion of the Preliminary Course, students need to satisfactorily complete the assessment requirements for the Record of School Achievement.
Release of HSC results – time to update student details
2016 HSC results will be sent to students via email and text message from 6.00 am on
Thursday, 15 December. Students will also be able to access their results at the same time
via Students Online.

It is important BOSTES has accurate student contact details. So please encourage your child to
log into Students Online and check that their email addresses and mobile phone numbers are
correct. If a school email address is recorded, they should consider changing it to a personal one,
as students will have left school when results are released.

Students who do not wish to receive their results by email or SMS can opt out before 5.00 pm
on Wednesday 14 December via Students Online > My Details. Information on online security
can be found at:

Students will be able to download all their BOSTES credentials as a PDF from Students
Online on Wednesday, 21 December. Eligible students will receive their HSC testamur in the post
between 18 – 20 January 2017. Students will be able to order another copy of their testamur or a
printed Record of Achievement and course reports at a cost of $17.00. Alternatively, they can print
all of the documents themselves from Students Online. For further information, go to Students
Online, or call 1300 13 83 23

How to manage teen behaviour and maintain a strong relationship
By Michael Grose
One of the biggest challenges parents of teenagers face is how to maintain a good relationship
with a young person while managing also their sometimes tricky and anti-social behaviour. The
balance between good guy and bad guy is precarious indeed.

There are two simple strategies, when used in tandem can really help parents straddle this great
divide. They are - following through and following up.

Following through to teach responsibility
‘Following through’ means doing what you say you’ll do. If you say “You’re grounded” yet then let a
young person off the hook when they came home from an outing later than agreed, you are merely
issuing a meaningless threat. Most young people know a meaningless threat when they hear one.
‘Following through’ is about taking parent action and the most appropriate action is the use of
behavioural consequences. When young people behave poorly, irresponsibly, transgress family
rules or someone’s individual rights, then the experience of a negative consequence teaches them
that there is a link between their behaviour and outcomes.

It’s important that the consequence issued matches the misdemeanour. When we go too far –
“you’re grounded for the term” – then we generally get resentment. Not strong enough – “you
should apologise” and they become ineffective. It also helps when consequences are related to
the misdemeanour.

Following up to reconnect
It’s easy to lock a young person out emotionally following a behaviour meltdown or disagreement,
particularly when they’ve said or done hurtful things. Once the dust has settled after discipline or a
dispute then it’s time to follow-up with a kind word, an enjoyable activity or even just sincere smile.
It generally takes the adult in the relationship – parents or teachers – to make the first move to put
the relationship back on an even keel.

Following through and following up are a dynamic discipline duo when they are used together as
they help parents straddle the good guy, bad guy line that seems to appear on almost a daily
basis. Use them in tandem and you’re more than likely to hit the right parenting mark.

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster
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 Years 5-11 are either involved in or form the audience for the Talent Quest. We do this as part of an SRC initiative and on this occasion we are supporting the work of an organisation called *Share the Dignity*.

All students in 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 hopeful 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: [www.sharethedignity.com.au](http://www.sharethedignity.com.au)

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.

**Share The Dignity**

Sanitary items should be a right, not a privilege.

This is the official slogan for a not-for-profit foundation called *Share the Dignity*, where their aim is to aid women who are experiencing homelessness or staying in a domestic violence shelter and cannot provide for all their needs throughout the month. The organisation began in early 2015, after learning about the horrible conditions these women are put through during their time each month, and works towards providing donations and funding so that women have proper sanitary supplies and don’t have to resort to drastic measures to keep themselves clean. The organisation collects sanitary supplies for women in the form of donations every April and August, and can always use the public’s help to increase awareness and supporting these suffering women. The organisation extends its work to include further basic care items that assist women and sometimes their children in transition situations where domestic violence has quite rapidly changed their circumstances and living environment.

This particular organisation will be supported by the College through our Term 3 Mufti Day collection on the final day of Term 3, Friday, 23 September. The SRC came to the decision to support this worthy cause after discussion about the impact of domestic violence and the need to support victims and their families in crisis contexts.

The specific organisation details for the collection are in Mr Toland's article.

**Maddy Traynor Year 11 SRC rep**

**Senior Chapel**

On Monday, 19 September Years 9-12 will meet for our term based Senior Chapel. This is a great opportunity for the Senior School to come together and hear God's word. This will be the last Chapel for Year 12 2016 and an opportunity to thank and recognise some of the Year 12 students who have been integral in Senior Chapel both this year and in the years previous since its inception. The talk will be brought to us by the Reverend George Statheos. George is on Long Service leave currently from his full-time position as Chaplain at Penrith Anglican College. His background is in Youth Ministry and he is a very gifted speaker. Students will attend Senior Chapel during the Pastoral Period which runs from 12.15 pm - 1.05 pm.
**Term Service**
On Friday, 2 September the College community gathered to celebrate our Term 3, Term Service. Below are the Overall House Shield Points that were earned by each House from their donations on the evening. Congratulations to Wollemi for coming out on top on this occasion. I would also like to commend the attendance and involvement of our Year 12 students as well as the Year 11 House Captains.

1. Wollemi  107  
2. Acacia  105  
3. Telopea  96  
4. Grevillia  63  
5. Sollya  62  

Mr Liam Toland  
Director Pastoral Care (T-12)

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**TERM 3 WORKING BEE**

Thanks to all of you who came and worked hard during our Term 3 Working Bee last Saturday. We had 105 people attending on the day. There was a good vibe as we worked side by side on a perfect Spring day.

The jobs we completed were:

- All the front gardens were weeded and mulched using the wood chip we have stockpiled onsite. It certainly is great to have our own tractor and buggies to get this done quickly
- Rubbish was picked up around the College by some of our younger students.
- The College roses were pruned by a dedicated staff member
- Cobwebs were removed from buildings
- Books were covered in Flynn by a dedicated team

As always Morning Tea was provided by the Wollondilly Anglican Community Church and lunch was provided by the P&F. We thank both these groups within our College Community for the wonderful support they give.

It was a great day and the College is certainly looking great because of the great volunteers and their community spirit. Always great to work alongside our enthusiastic kids as well.

Mr Frederick Schroder  
Property Manager
Many of our students will be performing at this year’s Country Fair (Saturday, 10 September). This year, all student performances are taking place on the main stage (located on the lawn area near the College canteen).

Students should meet their group leaders at the following times and locations to prepare for their performances.

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<td>Meet Mrs Bridge in Melba 1 at 11.30 am</td>
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<td>Bands (Stage 3 Band, Combined Band and College Band)</td>
<td>Meet Mr Couts-Smith in Melba 1 at 12.00 noon</td>
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<td>Meet Mr Wilms in Melba 1 at 12.30 pm</td>
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<td>Dancers (Stage 2 Dance, Stage 3 Dance, Year 9 Dance, Year 10 Dance, Dance Company)</td>
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In addition, a number of WAC Stage Crew have volunteered to assist with the running of the stage on the day. Please meet Mrs Talbot at the stage area.

- 10.00 am - 11.00 am Abby Miller and Josh Castle
- 11.00 am - 12.00 pm Nina Hvejsel and Ethan Seidel
- 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm Harrison Apps and Ewan Morris
- 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm Mitchell Youman and Bradley Madgwick
- 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm Georgie Armstrong and Charli Burgess
- 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm (possibly later into the evening) Michael Holdsworth and Riley Boon

Mrs Sarah Talbot  
Secondary Teacher

STAGE 1 ENTRIES IN COUNTRY FAIR PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

This year Stage 1 students have been participating in Digital Arts as part of our Creative Arts program. Students have been loving every moment of this subject and have displayed some great skills in applying composition when taking photographs.

Each student will have one photograph entered into this year’s Country Fair Photography Competition, so please ensure you go and check them out!

Mrs Tracy Turner  
Primary Teacher
**HICES DEBATING UPDATE**

On Wednesday, 31 August the Year 11 Open’s debating team competed in the Semi-Final round of this year’s HICES competition. Wollondilly went to The Hills Grammar for their debate against Central Coast Grammar School. The Wollondilly team, made up of Caitlin Konzen, Jason Davies, Max Noakes and Jamie Bell debated the topic: *That we should negotiate with terrorists.*

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 was great to share in their excitement of going through to the big Grand Final to defend their win from last year in the senior division.

The team will now debate in the HICES Grand Final on Thursday, 8 September against Arndell Anglican College, on the topic of *US Foreign Policy.* This is a great accomplishment for the team, as the competition encompasses a large range of independent schools throughout the State and the Opens division is the most senior category in this competition.

We wish them all the best in the Grand Final!

**Mr Timothy Van Netten**  
Secondary Teacher

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**AUF DEUTSCH BITTE!**

Congratulations to those of our students who competed in the recent NSW Language Perfect Championships. The competition ran for just one week and finished at midday on Monday, 5 September. I am delighted to share the following results:

- Questions answered in the competition: **8,174,717 questions**
- Questions answered at Wollondilly Anglican College: **251,565 questions**
- Wollondilly Anglican College Score: **94,687 points**
- School Ranking in the competition: **5th** out of 175 schools
- We were ranked **1st** in NSW for **German!!!**

The other news to hand is that it is time to say "Auf Wiedersehen!" our five German exchange students. Lotta, Lars, Annika, Julia and Simon have been in Australia for 11 weeks. On Sunday, 11 September they fly home to Germany. We hope they have had a great stay in Australia and we pray they will have a safe journey home.

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

**Mrs Carolyn Clark**  
German Teacher
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 Year 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 AND 2018

As the end of 2016 draws closer, the Headmaster will be commencing his review of applications for enrolment for 2018 during the upcoming holidays and through into Term 4. I would therefore encourage anyone considering an application for 2018 to obtain an application form and make their submission early, most especially for our key entry years Transition, Kindergarten, Year 7 and Year 11 where demand for places continues to be high.

Limited vacancies remain for 2017.

Mrs Lorna Harper
Enrolments Officer
END OF YEAR STUDENT WITHDRAWALS

As the end of year approaches, please be reminded that all student withdrawals require one full term's notice in order to reclaim the bond and not be liable for Term 1 fees in 2017.

This applies to all leavers including Transition, Year 10 and Year 11. All withdrawals need to be formally advised to the Headmaster in writing.

Please contact me should you have any further queries.

Mrs Lorna Harper
Enrolments Officer

SCHOLARSHIPS 2018/2019

I am delighted to advise that the Wollondilly Anglican College Scholarship Program is now open for academic and creative arts scholarships commencing in 2018.

The College is a participant in the Australian Council for Educational Research Scholarship Test Program. The ACER Scholarship Tests consist of a series of academic ability tests used by independent schools to select students for the award of a scholarship. A number of academic, dance and music scholarships offering partial fee remission are being made available for 2018 to 2019. Most scholarships will be offered for two years and are conditional on academic and behavioural standards continuing. They will be available to students currently enrolled at the College or at other schools who are studying in Years 4, 6, 8 and 10 in 2017.

Academic, dance and music candidates may apply at the following levels within the ACER Scholarship Test Program:

- PSP - Designed for students in Year 4 of primary during 2017, for entry into Year 5 in 2018;
- Level 1 - Designed for students in Year 6 of primary during 2017, for entry into Year 7 in 2018;
- Level 2 - Designed for students in Year 8 of secondary during 2017, for entry into Year 9 in 2018;
- Level 3 - Designed for students in Year 10 of secondary during 2017, for entry into Year 11 in 2018.

Applications opened on Tuesday, 6 September 2016 and will close on Friday, 3 February 2017. The closing date is final and late applications cannot be accepted.

Comprehensive information packs and application forms are available for download from the College website, where there are also direct links to register your child online with ACER. Alternatively, all information and forms are available from myself at the College Office.

Should you have any further general queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 4684 2577 or at l.harper@wac.nsw.edu.au. Any queries regarding Creative Arts scholarships should be addressed to Mr Simon Denley, Creative Arts and LOTE Coordinator.

Mrs Lorna Harper
Enrolments Officer
What is Canvas?
Canvas is a cloud based Learning Management System that is designed to make teaching and learning easier. It will replace our current Moodle platform and will offer superior usability and functionality. Students will be able to access Canvas anywhere that they have an internet connection using a web browser or mobile app. Some of the benefits of Canvas for students are that it allows them to:

- submit work digitally;
- work collaboratively;
- receive feedback and grades digitally;
- check due dates for homework and assessments tasks;
- access and catch up on missed work;
- revise past work and class activities; and access extension work.

It also has benefits for teachers in terms of enabling digital marking, greater analysis of student results and easier distribution of learning materials.

At present the College has been trialing Canvas with a number of classes and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Next year each teacher will be using Canvas with at least one of their classes and in the following year we will be rolling it out with additional classes. Not all class work will be placed on Canvas and it will be more beneficial for some subjects than others.

Overall it is a great tool that will continue to help teachers improve the way we teach and provide greater access to learning tasks and feedback for students.

Mr Wayne Baulch
SLIC - Secondary Learning Innovations Coordinator

MISA YOUTH OF THE YEAR

On Monday, 29 August Grace Ridge and Benjamin Hardie represented our College in the MISA Youth of the Year competition. This is an annual event whereby students are required to prepare a speech on a topic of their choice drawn from current everyday life. They are also required to participate in an interview to demonstrate their awareness and understanding of current affairs. Both students embraced the challenge and delivered high quality speeches. Grace Ridge was awarded with third place out of 22 speeches which was a great achievement for the College. A paragraph from each of the speeches has been presented for you to read.

Love. Courage. Hope. Justice. Joy. Hate. Fear. Despair. Injustice. Misery. All powerful words which, on some level, make your mind explore the emotions. A complete stranger, with a few random words can influence your mind in an instant. The power of words is immense, and any amount of power can become an issue in society if abused. Words have the power to harm or to heal, and too often this power is ignored. - Benjamin Hardie 'The Power of Words'

Before the sun rises each day, men and women alike rise- tired eyed and yawning- and begin the descent into the beeping, orange eyed river that flows over the land. The countryside turned to stone, harsh buildings and cement statues that emanate a sense forced beauty. The farmlands that we call home have become a maze of cranes and building blocks- and every time I step outside the urban sprawl seems to creep closer. – Grace Ridge ‘The Urban Sprawl’

Mrs Emily Madden
Secondary Teacher
**Blue Day**

In pastoral care last term, students learnt about how to serve others, whether it be our families, local or school communities or even internationally.

To make a difference in the community the Sollya 2 5-8 Roll Call has decided to set up a "BLUE DAY" stall with all the funds raised going towards the charity *Beyond Blue* whose aim is to reduce the impact of depression, anxiety and suicide by supporting and helping people to protect their mental health and to recover when they are unwell.

The stall will have sweet blue themed treats from $1.00 - $2.00 and blue drinks for $1.00.

The stall will be held on Thursday, 15 and Friday, 16 September in the Art Courtyard during lunch 1 and 2.

*Maisie Hart Year 7*

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**Term Service**

Thank you to those who attended our last Term Service for the year. We really appreciated your attendance and the donations that were made to our food drive, which will be put to great use, helping needy Wollondilly families.

Special thanks must go to our guest speaker Mrs Kara Simmons. As we looked at pictures of the universe Kara's lively presentation asked us to focus on how big God really is and how He showers His love on us, even though our sin means we don't really deserve it.

Thanks must also go to Year 12, who did an amazing job helping to run the evening. The Year 12 Vocal group were awesome. It was the very last Term Service for our Year 12 and we wish them well as they journey into the outside world. We pray that they will remember the Christian message they heard on Friday night, as well as throughout their time at the College.

*Mrs Carolyn Clark*
*Secondary Teacher*
I am delighted to announce some stunning results for the College in the 2016 Australian Geography Competition. The Competition took place in 670 schools around Australia with over 65,000 students competing.

Students from Year 8, Year 10 and Year 12 took part in the competition with some outstanding results.

The results for the College were as follows: 17 Credits, 13 Distinctions as well as 3 High Distinctions. Awards were earned by more than 50% of the students from our College who attempted the Competition which is a wonderful effort. Certificates for award winning students will be distributed at the relevant assemblies. Congratulations to all award winners and participants.

Particular congratulations go to Zachary Smith of Year 8 who was ranked in the Top 1% of his Year Level across the nation. Well done Zachary!

Mr Doug Hewitt
Secondary Teacher

On Wednesday, 24 August the students of Year 9 Hope and I headed off to the Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre. Arriving at the centre with rain threatening, students were introduced to a range of geographical instruments with funny names and they then went out into the bush to take readings and sketches from a sample quadrat study area.

Students gained a variety of new skills in collecting and recording geographical information and were able to compare native bushland with that impacted on by humans to study changing patterns of biodiversity. After lunch the students oriented themselves with a wide range of taxidermies of native and introduced animals and had the opportunity to study first-hand some of the adaptations our native flora has undergone in order to survive and thrive in what are very tough and unique conditions.

The students represented the College exceptionally well and it was most enjoyable accompanying them on this Fieldwork excursion.

Mr Doug Hewitt
Secondary Teacher
SECONDARY COLLEGE SPORT

AICES Age Champion
Congratulations Kirra Bennett-Smith who was named the AICES U/13 Athletics Age Champion. Kirra has now qualified for NSW CIS in five events, which is the most by any WAC student.

AICES Record Breakers
Congratulations Marie-Luise Meier-Kapavale who broke the U/17 Shot Put Record with a distance of 12.63m. She beat the previous record, which has stood for five years, by 30cm.

AICES Results
What a fantastic effort by our Wollondilly students at last week’s AICES Athletics Carnival. In total we had 10 students medal and qualify to compete at the NSW CIS Carnival. Our medalists were as follows; Kirra Bennett-Smith (4 Gold), Marie-Luise Meier-Kapavale (2 Gold), Bohdine Corns (1 Gold, 1 Silver), Brett Harriman (1 Gold), Kloe Cartisano (2 Silver), Samantha Cefai (1 Silver) Tara Bennett-Smith (1 Silver), Tim Nelson (1 Silver), Matt Simpson (1 Silver) and Tahlia Rochefort (1 Bronze).

MISA
It was a very successful round of competition against Broughton this week. In Soccer both our 7-9 and 10/11 Girls sides had victories. In the Juniors Molly Birta, Grace Solomon, Sam Cefai and Kamryn Reid all had a fantastic game in the 2-0 victory. In the Seniors, Katelyn Fairley, Marie-Luise and Laura Jore all played well with Bailey Tzitziris scoring both goals in the 2-0 win. In AFL the 7-9 Boys remain undefeated (6 from 6) with a comprehensive 55-33 win. In the girls’ game it was a close encounter with the WAC side losing by just one point! Next week both teams will replay Round 2 against John Therry which was washed out.

In Netball the Year 8 side has continued their winning streak making it six wins from six starts to remain on the top of the ladder. Unfortunately the Year 7 side was beaten by Broughton this week.

MISA Rugby League
The 7/8 side finished the regular season in 4th position. This saw a tough finals draw playing first place Mount Carmel. Despite their strong defensive efforts in the first half Mount Carmel were too strong winning 40-0. Next week they will play off for 3rd/4th position against Magdalene.

The 9/10 side have finished their season well with several wins to secure equal 1st position on the ladder. Next week they will play Magdalene in the Grand Final. All the best to the boys.

Upcoming Events:
Term 4 MISA Trials 20 September
CIS Athletics 20/21 September
NASSA Volleyball/AFL Gala Day 20 October
NASSA Basketball Gala Day (Jnr/Snr) 24/27 October

Mr Mark Goldsbrough
Secondary Sports Coordinator

6 from 6 Year 8 netball. Still going strong!
IPSSO

The Winter IPSSO season concluded on Wednesday with finals held at Thomas Hassall Anglican College. The Senior AFL team attended the day after coming second in the regular season. Unfortunately they were defeated by All Saints Grammar in the Semi-final 29-59. The students are to be commended for their improvement over Terms 2 and 3.

Winter IPSSO uniforms should now be returned. Students need to return their uniforms before the end of the term.

In the final week of Term all students in Stages 2 and 3 will be taking part in an inter school house based competition during sport time. They should wear their house shirt to the College on Wednesday, 21 September.

Notes for the Term 4 College sport swimming program were handed out last week. These need to be returned before the end of the term. Places in the program are limited.

Mr Stuart Houweling
IPSSO Sports Coordinator

CLOTHING POOL

The Clothing Pool will no longer be open on Wednesday afternoons as of next week until further notice.

Opening hours now are Tuesday and Friday mornings 8.00 am until 9.00 am.

Mrs Michelle Morris
Clothing Pool Coordinator
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.

In Partnership with Wollondilly Anglican College

Wollondilly Library Services:
@yourlibrary for young adults. The refurbished Wollondilly Library has reopened! Now with a bigger and better designated space for young adults. Come and discover or rediscover what the library has for you.- HSC resources; online databases; free wifi; dvds; computer access; quiet study space; graphic novels etc.

Scholastic Bookclub:
Orders for issue 6 are complete and should be due back in the College within the next fortnight.

Live a life well read

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

YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

A reminder to all parents, carers and students that Year 7 Vaccinations will be held on Tuesday, 13 September.

Mrs Deborah Cook
Deputy’s Headmaster Secretary

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
Fathers in Literacy update
During our Fathers and Literacy morning I mentioned the website http://dadsread.org.au/
The site has lots of practical ideas and tips for reading with your children, including the slogans
“Be their reading legend” and “Reading just 10 minutes each day with your child makes a
difference.” You may have read the article in ‘The Advertiser’.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016
The students in Years 3 to 6 who completed the challenge independently are:-
Year 3  Joshua Belansky and Laura Jefferys
Year 4  Matilda Carruthers, Jessica-Lee Crowfoot, Lachlan Hoare, Madyson Keaney and
        Miriam Warland
Year 5  Jessica Fraser and Georgina Gibson
Year 6  Brock Curtis, Taylor Fletcher, Amy Luxford, Klarisza Ricciarelli, Amaryia Warland.

Well done to all - you will receive your certificates in Term 4.

The Rio Olympics Quiz
Students in Years 3 and 4 were given the opportunity to participate in an Olympics Quiz in the
Elizabeth Library. Answers to the bronze, silver and gold medal quizzes were hidden around the
Library. Students could win a bronze, silver and gold medal, dependent upon their answers.
Congratulations to our medal winners.

Coming soon… The WAC Primary Book Fair in Elizabeth Library. Daily (except the weekend!) from Thursday, 20 October to Tuesday, 25 October, which includes Grandparents’ Day on
Friday, 21 October.

Mrs Gail Staples
Primary Teacher-Librarian
**10Hope and 10Faith Geography | Coastal Field Trip**

The 10Hope and 10Faith Geography classes ventured out for some field work on Thursday, 1 September. The purpose of the field work was to gather primary data for their Coastal Management Report (due Tuesday, 20 September).

We were blessed with great weather, sneaking in between two low pressure troughs. The students behaved really well and showed good application to their field work. The transport company remarked on the excellent and respectful behaviour of the students. We rewarded our hard work with a feast of fish and chips. It was a great day all around.

Mrs Trudy Miller and Mr Jay Hart
Secondary Teachers

**National Youth Science Forum 2016**

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is a week-long conference for young scientists entering Year 12 and the selection process is highly competitive. Students must secure the support of a Rotary Club by outlining their achievements and expressing their passion for science in writing and possibly in person. They are then interviewed by a panel in Sydney, with only a small number of students being selected. Murray Jobbins and Amy Bennison (Wollondilly North Rotary Club) and David Clark, William Harris and Jamie Bell (Picton Rotary Club) were all nominated – an achievement on its own.

Congratulations to Murray Jobbins, David Clark and Jamie Bell for being selected for the NYSF – the first ever students from our College!! We would also take this opportunity to thank the Wollondilly North and Picton Rotary Clubs for their willingness to support our students.

Dr Andrew Eaton
Science Coordinator
• **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**

• **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.

• **Learner Drivers**
  Wollondilly Shire Council works in partnership with the Roads & Maritime Service to provide events that help our learner drivers and their supervisors become safe drivers on our roads. Council is holding a workshop specifically for parents/supervisors of learner drivers to assist with making for a happy experience whilst teaching someone to drive. The two hour workshop will provide information to help you and your learner with practical advice about:
  - Current laws for L & P licence holders
  - Supervising learner drivers
  - Completing the Learner Driver Log Book
  - Benefits of supervised on-road driving experience
  - Low risk driving
  - Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.
  On Wednesday, 14 September, 2016 at 6.30 pm at the Council Administration Building, 62-64 Menangle Street, Picton. For further information or to book your place contact Council’s Road Safety Officer – Leanne Ledwidge on 4677 9588 or email roadsafety@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

• **Warragamba Dam Fest 2016**

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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.

Are you going through a hard time? Personal and family hardships can hit unexpectedly. How do we respond at these times of crisis? God wants us to rely on Him. One of the writers of the Bible was in a real, life threatening situation. He said, “this happened so that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. … On Him we have set our hope”. 2 Corinthians 1:9-10

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

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### Headmasterly Happenings

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**Attention**

The front College Carpark will be closed from lunch time tomorrow (Friday, 9 September) due to the rides arriving for the Country Fair. Please park in other marked car parks.

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It is with sadness that we advise you that Mr Christian Dubois’ wife, Serena, lost her battle with cancer this week. We keep the Dubois family in our thoughts and prayers as they grieve the loss of their wife and mother.

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**Mark your Diary!**

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PRAYER POINTS

Thank God
- For our community and the pride we can have in being part of such a special place
- For the calibre of applicants for the staff positions

Ask God
- For wisdom as we interview for staff in 2017
- That we might develop the right kind of pride – thankfulness, inspiration rather than boastful deluded pride
- To continue to bless the families of our area as they continue to recover – long after the personality roadshow has moved on.
- To comfort the Dubois family at this sad time.

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity