Christians pray for Atheists
Did you know that Christians pray for Atheists? There is a close member of my extended family who is an Atheist. He does not believe in God. I pray for him. It is not one of those platitudinous, clichéd, trite, banal, corny, prayers either. It is real. I pray that God will reach down and that he will know the love of Jesus for himself. I have prayed for him off and on for 27 years. I think I will continue to pray for him too. He is a good bloke and I love him dearly. I tell him that I pray for him and he laughs and says that’s nice. I think he likes it that I pray for him, though I am sure that he does not want it to work. Because he is an atheist, of course he does not pray for me – but that’s not the point is it?

There are other Atheists that I pray for too. That’s what Christians do. Maybe it’s annoying? It’s good to understand what my relative thinks so I can pray about his ideas.

He thinks that the world does not need any morals; (Even though he just made a moral statement). He thinks that if everyone stopped having a religion then we would have a moral world. I ask him why it did not work when the communists banned religion. He said because they were evil.

He thinks God is dead or has left the planet to its own devices. I tell him God is alive every day in our College and he is making disciples every day in places like Africa and Asia. He said that the planet is evil because God left. I say that the planet is evil because God gave us a choice whether to love Him or reject him – but that – even when we rejected him, he still provided for our salvation.

He thinks we evolved out of the mud and that we developed specialist body parts and the ability to breathe and see and hear and speak and love through time and chance. I ask him which came first – the eye or sight; and how could two holes in a head develop along with a complex organ and all the blood and nerve supplies, even whilst the new part was still wondering over millions of years what use it would perform some day. He says mutations happen all the time. I ask him to show me all the different organs he is growing right now that have no definite purpose yet. He has none.

He thinks Christianity is a religion for wimps. I tell him it is not a religion. A religion is a way of earning your way to God. A Christian knows that God loves each person and that it cannot be earned – a truth that every parent knows about their own child. Before they are conceived the love is not there and then it is. I ask him if he thinks Jesus Christ, Joan of Ark, David, Moses, Ruth, Esther, Tim Mannah, Jason Stevens, Elijah Taylor, Evander Hollyfield and Chuck Norris are wimps because they all love God. He still can’t believe that Chuck Norris is a Christian.

He says the church is full of hypocrites. I tell him – that’s not true – there is always room for one more, I tell him that Christians don’t gather to show how good they are – that they gather because they want to learn to be better. He says the church would fall down if he came. I said that I was there when he got married and it’s still standing.

He says Christians always start with the idea that God made the universe and then try to prove that the Earth is in just the right place for life and that one small change would make life impossible. He says that Christians try to prove that God exists. I say, Atheists try to prove he doesn’t. He asks why I am trying to argue God into existence? I ask him why he is trying to argue God out of existence.

He says the Bible is a book of rules for people wanting to live a perfect life to earn their way to heaven. I say it is a compass for good relationships for those who know they are already going there (through accepting the perfect life of Jesus). He says – he will take his chances.

In the end, we stop and eat. I tell him that I will still pray for him. Almost always, he says –
NOTE: Term 4 Commences Monday 10 October – WEEK A on the Timetable
HSC Examinations - Exam rules and procedures
The HSC Written Examinations commence on Thursday, 13 October and finish for Wollondilly students on Friday, 4 November.

Year 12 students need to be aware of their examination timetable and allow plenty of time in their travel arrangements to be present for the commencement of each examination. The Board of Studies does not allow appeals for illness or misadventure based on misreading timetables or arriving late for examinations because a student slept in.

It is also important to be aware of the examination rules for each exam and what materials are permitted to be taken in to the examination room.

The main rules and requirements for HSC examinations are set out in the booklet, Rules and Procedures for Higher School Certificate Candidates, issued to every student when they begin their HSC study, and every student – by signing their Confirmation of Entry form (PDF) – agrees to abide by these rules. Each year a relatively small number of HSC students are reported for breaching examination rules. Read more about exam rule breaches.

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 www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/public-safety-and-law/online-safety.

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

Leaving School and the RoSA
The Record of School Achievement or RoSA is the credential that formally recognises your school achievement if you leave school before completing your HSC.

The RoSA is a cumulative credential recording your grades or participation in courses in Year 10 right up to when you leave school, giving you a more comprehensive and meaningful record of your academic achievements. If you are not eligible for a RoSA, you will receive a Transcript of Study, which contains the same information as the RoSA for courses you have satisfactorily completed.

Your RoSA or Transcript of Study will become the school credential you will use when applying for employment, further education or training.

You also have the choice of taking literacy and numeracy tests. The results of your tests may be useful at job interviews or for training providers as evidence of your literacy and numeracy skills.
RoSA rules and procedures
Students will generally be eligible for the RoSA after four years of secondary school. To qualify for the RoSA a student must have:

- Attended a government school, an accredited non-government school or a recognised school outside NSW.
- Completed courses of study that satisfy the BOSTES curriculum and assessment requirements for the RoSA.
- Complied with all requirements imposed by the Minister or the BOSTES.
- Completed Year 10.
- Students leaving school who are not eligible for the RoSA will receive a Transcript of Study.

The RoSA credential and the Transcript of Study will display a Grade from A to E (with A being the highest) for any completed Stage 5 and Preliminary courses (Years 10 and 11, typically). It will also show any VET or Life Skills courses you have completed up until you finish school.

Satisfactory course completion requirements
For the satisfactory completion of a course, it is your responsibility to:

- Follow the course developed or endorsed by the BOSTES
- Apply yourself with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school.
- Achieve some or all of the course outcomes.

Note: Students in Years 10 or 11 intending to leave the College at the end of Term 4 are required to provide a Term’s Notice. In NSW, students are legally required to be enrolled at and attending school until they are 17 years. After they complete Year 10, and until they turn 17 years of age, students then have the following options. They may also be in:

- Full-time further education and training (eg TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship);
- Full time, paid employment of an average of 25 hours per week; or
- A combination of both of the above.

If students have not yet turned 17 years, the notice of enrolment termination from parents for school leavers must contain evidence that the parents are complying with the above conditions.

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster
Pastoral Matters

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 midriffs 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*
Secret Calculator
Something just doesn’t add up!

While this app has been around for some time, we’ve recently had some parents ask some questions about it again.

The secret calculator app—known as a ‘ghosting’ app—is just one of many secret photo vaults used by young people to hide images and videos.

The secret calculator looks similar to a regular calculator, but allows users to input a passcode to reveal a vault of hidden images and videos. All files are securely stored in the app and cannot be viewed in the camera roll.

The calculator app allows users to take pictures in the app or select photos to hide from your existing camera roll. The pictures can be shared via email.

Studies show that approximately one in 10 teenagers have sent a sexually explicit text message or image. More worryingly, one in five teenagers have seen these sorts of images.

What can you do?
1. Remind young people that as soon as they send an image, they have lost control over where it ends up. If it ends up online, it cannot be deleted.
2. Open up strong lines of communication with your child about what they are doing online.
3. Develop strategies of avoiding creating inappropriate content. Some young people may feel pressured by their girlfriend or boyfriend. Helping a young person to develop effective strategies of saying ‘no’ will help them when they need it.
5. Encourage your child to think before they send images.

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Mr Liam Toland
Director Pastoral Care (T-12)

HOMEWORK CLUB / JOHNSON STUDIO

In Term 4 the Johnson Studio will be open for Elective Drama and Dance students to rehearse for school related performances. This will be part of Secondary Homework Club and operate in normal Homework Club hours. Mrs Talbot will supervise students at this time. The opening of the studio as part of Homework Club will be trialed in Term 4 and, if students make effective use of it, the studio may also be included in Homework Club in 2017.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Assistant Creative Arts Coordinator, Secondary Teacher

College Office

Opening hours in the holidays.

The College office will be open during the holidays. Please call between 8.30 am - 4.00 pm.
**NSW RFS State Championships**

The team of six young adults consists of Mitch Rockwell (WAC), Bill Heath, Jardie Cutmore, Dillon Ray and Jake Cutmore (PHS) and Jedd Heath (recent PHS). They have been training together for the last few months for the State Championships.

At the State Championships the team competed in 8 events over two days. Each event tested the team’s ability to work together, communication, leadership, problem solving, safety and fire fighting skills. They competed against 11 other teams from the four RFS Regions across NSW. In these eight events the team placed three times 3rd, a 2nd place and a 1st place, giving them an overall 2nd place overall. This is a fantastic result as this is the first time we have had a team at the State Championships.

All team members showed remarkable skills and fire fighting ability, as well as resilience due to the recent rain in Narrabri. As shown in the attached picture of the team after an event you can see there was plenty of mud around.

**Mr Damian Cutmore**

Wollondilly District Youth Coordinator
Open Classroom - Amazing Science Year K-6
For Term 3 open classrooms are all about Science! Students are currently working on Scientific Investigations that will be displayed during open classroom afternoon, Thursday, 22 September from 2.40 pm to 3.30 pm. All parents are invited to come in and talk to their children about Science and the learning that is taking place in their classroom. We hope to see you there.

Mr Darren Wayne
Primary Teacher

Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool will be open for one morning during the holiday break.

Thursday, 6 October from 9.00 am.

Mrs Michelle Morris
Clothing Pool Coordinator

For ladies who do not wish to play golf there is a morning tea from 10.30 am and later they 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
Our Sponsors

Coming soon
Waratah Weekly Term 4
Our new Sponsor List 2016 / 2017

Going Live
Friday, 30 September 2016
Our new Sponsor Page on the College website

P & F TREASURER

We are seeking expressions of interest for the position of P&F Treasurer for 2017. Accounting experience an advantage.

All enquiries to Mr Paul Flower, President at pandfpresident@wac.nsw.edu.au.

...because our kids are worth it!
The timing of the College musical has changed for 2017.

When is the musical? The musical will now be held during the second week of Term 2.

The important dates are Monday, 1 May Evening Dress Rehearsal, Tuesday, 2 May Matinee Performance for retirement villages and local schools and Evening Performance #1, Thursday, 4 May Evening Performance #2, Friday, 5 May Evening Performance #3 and Saturday, 6 May Evening Performance.

Are we still having holiday rehearsals? Yes. Holiday rehearsals will now occur Tuesday, 18 April - Friday, 21 April (this is to accommodate the Easter long weekend for families).

What about rehearsals? As always, Monday afternoons are set aside for musical rehearsal. However, as the show will run a Term earlier, so too will rehearsals need to begin a Term earlier.

In Term 4, all Year 6-10 students (Years 7-11 in 2017) who would like to be cast in the show will need to attend Monday afternoon rehearsals in the Auditorium from the end of 2.35 pm - 5.45 pm. Please ensure students have water, a modest change of clothes and some healthy afternoon tea (please do not pack foods which contain common allergens).

Our Year 4 and 5 (Years 5 and 6 in 2017) cast members will join us for Monday rehearsals from Term 1 next year. We are hoping that, with a shorter time commitment required to participate, we will have more Primary cast members next year.

Auditions? Auditions will be held at the beginning of the first Monday rehearsal next Term. Any student in Years 6-10 (Years 7-11 next year) who would like to audition for a part will need to prepare a song which shows their vocal range.

The students will sing some of their song for the audition panel before improvising to demonstrate their acting skills and showing that they can follow directions.

After auditions, we will rehearse ensemble numbers with the whole cast. We will announce roles during the week that follows auditions so that students can begin working with the appropriate scenes from the second Monday rehearsals.

We are hoping that students can use the coming holidays to prepare their auditions.

What about new students to the College in 2017? They will be warmly welcomed into the ensemble at the start of 2017 and can attend from the first Monday rehearsal.

Please take time over the coming holidays to carefully consider the above information and decide if your child will participate in the next College Musical.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Assistant Creative Arts Coordinator
Secondary Teacher
SECONDARY COLLEGE SPORT

Term 4 MISA Sports
This Tuesday students had the opportunity to trial to be in one of our Term 4 MISA sides. The sports on offer are: 7 Boys’ Cricket, 8/9 Boys’ Cricket, 7 Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball, 7-9 Boys’ and Girls’ OzTag, 10-11 Boys’ and Girls’ Volleyball. Students will have another opportunity to trial in Week 1 of Term 4. After this trial the Term 4 teams will be selected and begin competing in Week 2.

NASSA Volleyball Gala Day
Both the boys’ and girls’ teams have trialed for the upcoming NASSA Gala Day. The boys’ team has been posted on the Sports Noticeboard, however, we will be running another trial for the 7-9 Girls’ side this week to make the final cut. This team will be announced by the end of term.

CIS Athletics
Congratulations to the following students who competed at the NSW CIS Athletics Championships on Wednesday, 21 September; Samantha Cefai, Kloe Cartisano, Brett Harriman, Kirra Bennet-Smith, Mathew Simpson, Bohdine Corns, Tara Bennett-Smith, Marie-Luise Meier-Kapavale, Timothy Nelson. A full report of results will be published in the next Waratah Weekly.

NASSA Basketball Date Change
Please be advised the dates for the Jnr/Int and Snr Basketball Gala Days have been swapped. The Jnr/Int divisions will compete on Thursday, 27 October whilst the Seniors will compete on Monday, 24 October.

Upcoming Events:
Term 4 MISA Trials #2 11 October
NASSA Volleyball/AFL Gala Day 20 October
NASSA Basketball Gala Day (Snr/Jnr) 24/27 October

Mr Mark Goldsbrough
Secondary Sports Coordinator

PRIMARY SPORTS

NSWCIS Primary Athletics Carnival 2016
A beautiful day greeted our seven athletes as we headed into competition against the best athletes in NSW for Independent Schools. Jacob Birta achieved an amazing result, coming second in the 9 years boys’ 100 metres event. Our other athletes performed so well including:

PJ French: 7th in the under 10’s Discus, Isabelle Pozza 11th in the under 12’s Long Jump, Jayde Gitto 12th in the under 12’s Discus, Keesha Deane 15th in the under 10’s Long Jump, Jacob Birta 20th in the under 10’s Shot Put, Emilio Sica 21st in the under 12’s Discus and Nat Carroll 23rd in the under 10’s Discus.

Jacob will now represent NSWCIS at the NSW All Schools Athletics championship at Homebush in mid October.

Mr Darren Wayne
Primary Sports Coordinator
NEWS FROM THE INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRES

Year 12 Students: have completed their formal lessons and are now preparing for their HSC exams. We wish them every success with their endeavour.

Textbook and Library Book returns - Students may return their books as soon as they have finished with them (say after the relevant exam) and return them to one of the IRC’s. All books must be returned by Wednesday, 9 November at the latest. This is the last day that Year 12 can return books and sign out. After this day, any outstanding books/ resources will be billed to the student’s account.

Year 11 Students: have completed Year 11 at the end of Term 3 and will be starting Year 12 at the beginning of Term 4. All year 11 textbooks which are not required (individual subject teachers will advise if they wish the textbook to be retained as some textbooks are applicable for Years 11 and 12) have to be returned to Flynn IRC by this Friday. Year 12 textbooks will begin to be issued first week back in Term 4.

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.

Scholastic Bookclub:
All orders for Issue 6 have been given to the students. Please let me know if there are any problems with your order.

Year 12 Design and Technology Projects – currently displayed in Flynn IRC (Teacher: Mr Madden)

Work by Tom Angel

Work by Rory McCormick

Work by Rebecca Law

Live a life well read.

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

O DAY 2016

Our annual Open & Orientation Day will be held on Saturday, 29 October 2016 from 9.00 am.

All new enrolling students for 2017 will shortly receive their invitations to attend. The morning will comprise of an information session for parents whilst students enjoy their orientation time with year patrons and class teachers.

For visitors, there will be full College tours available as well as the opportunity to chat with teaching and support staff. A complimentary bbq lunch will be on offer.

Mrs Lorna Harper
Enrolments Officer

PARENTS OF CHILDREN REQUIRING MEDICATION AT THE COLLEGE

MEDICATION FORMS
If your child needs medication to be administered whilst they are at the College you will need to fill in a Medication Form (available from student reception). The form avoids confusion for the office staff by confirming the type of medication, dosage and frequency of doses required by your student. It needs to be completed and signed by a parent as otherwise we are unable to administer medications without verbal approval from yourself each time medication is required by your child.

MEDICATIONS
We require parents to check and/or monitor the medications stored for your child at the College - especially the expiry dates. If medications are out of date we are unable to administer them to your child.

ASTHMA ACTION PLANS
There are a number of children who suffer from asthma at the College. Please make sure that you have provided the College with an updated Asthma Plan at least every 1-2 years for your child so that we have the correct information in case of an Asthma attack. This is especially important if your child requires additional care or medication than the national standard guidelines dictate.


Mrs Lisa Grzasko
Credit Controller
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
YEAR 7 AND 8 LIVING HISTORY AUSTRALIA PRESENTATION

On Monday, 19 September, students in Years 7 and 8 were each gifted with the opportunity to participate in a two hour Living History Australia presentation. The Year 7 program included a focus on Ancient Egypt, Ancient China and Ancient Rome. The Year 8 program focussed on medieval Europe. The presentation was delivered from a stage set up complete with many relevant artefacts. It included characters from the past which the students got to role play. At the end of the performance all students were invited to explore the stage, handle the artefacts and ask individual questions of the presenters. It was a wonderful experience and many thanks go to Mrs Miller for seeking it out and the College for facilitating it.

Mr Jay Hart
Humanities 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.

• **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.

• **Warragamba Dam Fest 2016**

• **Future Makers – Holiday Art Programs**
  National Art School campus has some amazing workshops to foster creativity. Spark your child’s imagination this Spring School Holidays with Future Makers, a series of art classes exploring different themes and materials for budding artists aged 10–14. Presenting 16 engaging modules covering ceramics, painting and drawing, Future Makers is led by experienced arts educators at the historic National Art School campus in Darlinghurst. Tuesday to Friday, 4–7 October 2016 Cost: $130.00 per day, or $455.00 for an entire four-day program For more details please refer to the website. [http://www.futuremakers.nas.edu.au/](http://www.futuremakers.nas.edu.au/)

• **Mittagong Swimming Club**
  Mittagong Swimming Club registration is now open. Go to [www.masc.acenet.com.au](http://www.masc.acenet.com.au) and click on the Registration tab. The first swim club meet will be held at The Centenary Pool, Frensham on Friday, 14 October commencing at 6.00 pm. The swim club meets are held every Friday night and are designed for all ages and abilities. Children are only competing against themselves and their previous times. Squad training will be held from 4.00 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at Bowral Public pool starting on Monday, 10 October through to Thursday, 8 December. For further information go to [www.masc.acenet.com.au](http://www.masc.acenet.com.au)

• **Antill Park Country Golf Club - School Holiday Golf Clinic**
  Wednesday, 28 September 11.00 am until 2.00 pm (Players have to be signed in by an adult.) No handicap necessary. Cost $30.00 per player; $50.00 family of 2. Registration by phoning the Pro Shop 4677 1240 or ring Rob Berger on 0414 378 617.

• **School Holiday Activities Wollondilly**
  Craft Making Workshop, Aboriginal Art, Movie Bus Trip, Y-hunger Cooking Workshop, Guitar Lessons. For more information regarding dates, prices and ages please contact Tegan or Luke on 4683 2776.

• **Little Elves**
  Did you know children who attend Wollondilly Anglican College can attend the school holiday program offered in the hall at Bargo Public School? Little Elves Childcare offer the service daily from 6.30 am until 6.15 pm. Breakfast, morning tea, afternoon tea & some lunches included. Excursions available. If you would like a quote please contact Jennifer on 0418 814 031. We are registered so parents can receive rebates from Centrelink. If you are working or studying it will be $30.00 at the most for the day.
Creative Arts Workshops

A number of private providers have contacted the College to advise that they are running holiday workshops in each of our Creative Arts methods. As these are private providers, families should carefully consider their child’s participation to ensure that they are satisfied with content, quality, cost, travel, safety and supervision arrangements.

Drama Holiday Workshops
A number of private providers are running holiday workshops for Drama students, or students interested in Drama, in the coming holidays.

NIDA
Sharpen your performance skills through a comprehensive workshop with a theatre practitioner drawing on NIDA acting techniques. Develop key principles of actor training, and extend into characterisation and scenework. Interpret, rehearse and present some of the most exciting writing produced for young people today. Please visit the website for specific course information; https://www.open.nida.edu.au/courses/How+/School+Holidays

ATYP
Workshops are our access point for young people of any experience to work with industry professionals. At ATYP we pride ourselves on the quality of our tutors and their willingness to share their experiences and skills with you. Please visit the website for specific course information; http://www.atyp.com.au/workshops-holidays

Screen Teens
Screenteens is Australia’s leading program for young adults between 12 and 16 years old who are interested in developing their performance skills for Film and Television. This School Holiday Workshop is the ideal platform for Drama students interested in developing acting skills for working in the Film and Television Industry. If you believe some of your student would be interested in attending this workshop, please contact Screenwise at info@screenwise.com.au or call us on 02 9281 4484 for an information pack.

Merrigong Theatre Company
Five-day Merrigong Creativity Camps offer children aged 5 – 13 years a range of fun performing arts activities that ignite imagination, build self-confidence and foster friendships, encouraging team building and creative play. Please check the website for more information. http://merrigong.com.au/learning/creativity-camps.html

Dance
Brent Street. The programs have been built to cover classes for all levels and ages. Students participate in most genres of performing arts with Brent Street’s famous teaching faculty, and a few special guests. Students make life-long friends in our safe, fun and nurturing environment. Please see the website for more information. http://brentstreet.com.au/workshop/brent-street-holiday-workshops/

Sydney Dance Company
Sydney Dance Company offer School Holiday Workshops for experienced young dance enthusiasts. The workshops provide a fun but focused environment for students to improve their technique under the direction of professional choreographers. Please see the website for more information; https://www.sydneydancecompany.com/classes-and-courses/holiday-workshops/#.V9c8TVt97Z4

Dance Domain
Dance Domain holds workshops in the NSW public school holidays. Run on four consecutive days, the workshops are a great chance to get kids out of the house and moving during the school break. Students will get to dance, create, make new friends and try new things in a fun and safe environment. Please see the website for more information; http://dancedomain.com.au/#/holiday-workshops
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.

We at the Wollondilly Anglican Community Church, which meets in the College Auditorium, will join with the prayers of others for our students who will soon be sitting their HSC exams. We’ll be praying that the Lord Jesus will give them peace, calm, wisdom and the ability to recall all that they’ve learned. We’ll be praying that they will do as the Scripture says, “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7

Contact Rob to book your spot. robmeischke@gmail.com or 0437 533 106
Thank God
- For the exceptional recent staff who have been appointed for 2017 and for the high calibre and graciousness of those who were not successful (more details in first newsletter next term).
- That He is with us and active in our lives.
- That – through no merit or claim of any self-righteousness – God chose us to know him.

Ask God
- To touch the lives and save those we know and love who have rejected Him.
- To be with the five new staff members we will be adding to our numbers in 2017 due to the extraordinary and unpredicted growth we have been blessed with.
- That He may continue to cover this College, this community and this country with His grace and favour.

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity