The Honest Judge

It was a small town in the country and there was one courthouse and one Judge. She had married and raised her three boys there. Two of the boys studied hard, went to university and raised their families in the big city. Her other son was a drunken lay-about who looked for the easy options in life. The Judge despaired for the lazy son as, despite her best efforts, he seemed to be getting worse by the day. The Judge prayed for her son – it was the only thing left for her to try. Even prayer didn’t seem to work.

One day, her worst fears were realised. Her son appeared in court before her. She waived the right to ask that he be tried elsewhere and the son smiled. Great – my luck is in today – the old cheese is bound to cut me some slack. Tears welled in the Judge’s eyes as she listened to the crimes the boy had committed. His actions went against everything she had ever hoped for in his life. She reflected on those long nights of prayer as she heard the charges read. There was no evidence that God has listened.

When the time came for judgement, the jury pronounced “Guilty” and all eyes turned to the Judge for her determination of the sentence. The boy smiled. His mum was kind and gentle. It was certain that he would receive a rap over the knuckles – some community service perhaps. To his surprise, and amidst gasps from those in the courtroom, the Judge handed down the maximum fine - upholding the law to the fullest. The boy was crestfallen. He had no money. The fine was more than he could ever repay. He knew in that moment, he would spend a long time in gaol. He looked at his mum in disbelief, shaking his head, now it was his time for tears.

Then the Judge did something unexpected, she took off her wig and robes and came down from the Bench, face to face with her son. She took out her cheque-book and wrote out a cheque for the exact amount of the fine. She then went back to the bench and stamped the case file – PAID IN FULL.

The son surprised everyone when he asked his mum for forgiveness. It is said that he was so grateful that he changed from that day and became a kind hearted gentleman.

It took the Judge a little while to pray again. She had become a little disillusioned. When she finally bowed her head she was taken by an overwhelming sense of God’s presence that took her breath away. It had been there before her eyes all along. God had been listening. She had prayed for years that her son would change and now she realised that she had been blessed to be part of the answer.

Like God, the Judge had understood that the law must be upheld. God is perfect and it is not in His nature to compromise. Like the Judge, God calls each of us His sons and daughters and He has a purpose for our lives. He wants us to be with him – but our choices have taken us elsewhere. The Judge stepped down from the Bench – just as God came down from heaven as Jesus Christ. The Judge paid the price – more than any amount that the boy could afford. God pays the price for us to be with Him. It requires a perfect life. We cannot deliver. So Christ lived the perfect life instead and God credits it to our account. And God stamps our file –

PAID IN FULL
Secondary Student Class Changes – Grace, Faith and Hope

Parents are reminded that class memberships change from year to year. These changes are based on a student’s academic performance and on pastoral care issues.

Please note that a student’s ongoing placement in the Grace class (eg Year 7 into Year 8) isn’t guaranteed. It is based on a student’s academic performance and the results of new students who are enrolled at the College.

In 2017 Year 7, placement in the Grace class is based on academic performance. The Faith, Hope and Peace classes will be of mixed ability and based on pastoral care factors. Students will remain in their group for most lessons, except for Creative Arts and Mandatory Technology.

Year 8 classes are based on academic performance for English, Mathematics and Science. English and Mathematics will be designated as 1, 2 and 3. In other words, a student in 8 English_1 won’t necessarily be in 8 Maths_1 and vice-versa. Science and all other subjects, except Creative Arts and Mandatory Technology, will be based on Grace, Faith and Hope. Grace membership will be based on Science results, Faith and Hope will be mixed ability.

Years 9 and 10 students will be allocated to English, Mathematics and Science on their academic performance. English and Mathematics will be designated as 1, 2 and 3. Science and all other subjects, except the Electives, will be based on Grace, Faith and Hope. Grace membership will be based on Science results, Faith and Hope will be mixed ability.

Awards

Parents please be aware that to meet the deadlines for reports, assemblies and presentation nights, the cut-off date for awards for students has passed. This means that students can still receive a Merit card for Academic Effort and Achievement, College Contribution, Sport and Community Service after this date, however they may not appear on your child’s Semester 2 College Report and they will not count in the tally to higher awards.

We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Last Day of Term

The arrangements for the completion of the Term are outlined below.
- Year 10 and 11 will finish the year on Wednesday, 7 December.
- T-9 will finish on Thursday, 8 December
- Friday, 9 December – Staff Professional Development (Pupil Free)

50 Most Common Parenting Questions (Here are a few more)
How do I encourage my children to value their possessions?

Taking care of your possessions such as clothes, toys and personal items is an important part of growing up and an extension of caring for yourself. Most children in developed countries such as Australia have a surplus of such items so there is less of a tendency to place great value on these things than in the past. That means as a parent you may need to work a little harder than parents of past generations to encourage kids to care for their things.

Here are some strategies to help:
1. Encourage children to pack away and tidy up one lot of items or toys before getting out the next.
2. Before they receive new toys or items encourage them to cull the old ones.
3. Avoid replacing items and clothes they don't care for.
4. If they are careless with other people's items or toys then remove the right to use them (explaining why to young children) and let them contribute in some age-appropriate way to restitution.
5. Provide pocket money from a young age, and encourage them to buy some items they want from their pocket-money. This will teach them about scarcity and help them place some value on personal items.

6. Have less not more items to encourage them to value what they have.

**My child is often anxious and fearful. How can I help?**

Many children have fears that surface at various times in their lives. Some are developmental, some triggered by an event and some learned from others. Try these ideas to help your child cope with fears:

1. Help your child distinguish between caution and fear.
2. Affirm their fears but don’t let them stop him or her from being brave.
3. Reassure them with the truth that you can’t guarantee their safety, but there are steps to take to reduce the likelihood of harm.
4. Kids take solace in action so teach them some skills to cope.
5. Confidence is catching so show your confidence in your child’s ability to deal with their fears.

**How do I help my child make and keep friends?**

Developing and maintaining friendships is a dynamic process. It comes naturally to some children, but others can be coached to be more social.

- **Teach social skills** such as how to start up a conversation, how to be a good winner and loser, and how to hold the interest of others during a conversation.

- Provide opportunities for your child to **have friends at your place** after school or on weekends so that friendships can develop.

- Encourage your child to **participate in out-of-school activities or groups** that may provide opportunities to meet new people away from the peer groups at school. Friendships formed through shared interests are often very strong.

- **Limit the time spent in solitary activities** if your child appears to have few friends. Be humane and kind but don’t be afraid to insist children mix with others of their own age.

- Expose your child to a variety of different children to help them find **like-minded souls**.


Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster

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**Reports**

Student reports will be handed out at the Junior, Middle and College Presentation Nights. Please note that reports will not be mailed out but can be collected from the College office after the Presentation Nights, in the holidays or next year.

A reminder that reports can be seen through the parent portal.
Senior Chapel
On Monday, 28 November Years 9-12 met for Senior Chapel. The theme of the Chapel was Mission and it was a great opportunity to hear about this in a practical sense with a number of the College connections in this area both internationally and nationally on hand to provide the students with first hand accounts of their work. Students heard from Reverend and Mrs Flanagan about their movement into mission work in Tanzania. The College had the opportunity to thank and recognise the work of the Flanagans in their roles as College Council Board Member, Parents and Church Leaders.

Dr Schwarz, Pastor Vusi Maphalala and his wife Bongi also spoke to our students in their roles as African Aids ambassador and Pastoral Carers for the students who attend our sister school Nqobile in the Drakenburg's Mountains in South Africa. We heard about the challenges that students face in that environment and of the safety and poverty concerns that impact young people on a daily basis. It was fantastic to see the passion that these people have for their roles and the awesome faith that they have in God's provisions for those around them.

Finally, we were able to hear from the Fultons our link contact and MAF missionaries in Arnhem Land. The College was encouraged by their work and the impact that they are having with the Indigenous communities with which they work. It was great to hear that despite many geographical challenges that the people of Arnhem Land are being supported through the work of MAF and that many are coming to know God as a result.

We would also like to encourage one of our own Ineke Schroder Year 12 2016 who herself will be involved in Mission work in 2017 through a Year 13 program run by Anglican Youthworks. This will see Ineke involved in a Mission Trip to Fiji as part of this experience.

RFS Cadets 2017
In 2016 the College in partnership with the local RFS commenced a Year 9-10 RFS Cadets program. This resulted in 16 students graduating from the program at the end of Term 3.

In 2017 the program will again be on offer. Students in the current Year 8 and 9 groups can see Mr Toland to express their interest in being involved in this activity. The program will likely run in Term 2 in 2017 and is 10 weeks in duration.

Students learn a combination of practical and theory skills that can support their future involvement in this important community and volunteer based service.

Places are limited and will fill quickly, please see Mr Toland as soon as possible to sign up.

The program may be extended to include involvement in the State Championships of RFS Cadets which would involve competing against other schools in this area. More information to come.
Thursday, 8 December - Last Day arrangements
Thursday, 8 December as is tradition at the College, will be a Mufti Day for Transition to Year 9.

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.
- One piece swimmers for girls must be worn. Students are encouraged to wear rash shirts for sun protection.
- As the day is partially based in the Picton Pool environment it is essential that students, bring and wear a hat as well as regularly apply sunscreen during the day.
- 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.

HopeStreet Mission
The SRC has made a joint decision to choose the HopeStreet Mission as the charity to which this Term’s funds will be donated. HopeStreet is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to helping the homeless people of the inner-city. They offer help and support to people at risk of experiencing homelessness, living with addiction, physical and/or mental health, legal issues and people with employment issues.

The Year 11 camp is based around giving students the opportunity to see and experience the different aspects of our society, even if they are not all positive. They are able to do this and widen their knowledge about homelessness and the associated social problems through the help of HopeStreet, when they spend a night sleeping on the streets, without a home.

Collection for gold coin donations will begin on Thursday, 1 December, Friday, 2 December, Wednesday, 7 December and Thursday, 8 December in Roll Call time, so please give generously.

Ongoing support for HopeStreet will be happening through the sale of baked goods, in which all the money raised will be going directly to this initiative.

Nina Hvejsel Year 9 SRC Representative

Gideon Bible Visit - Year 7
On Monday, 28 November a small group from Gideons met with our Year 7 students to hand out New Testaments to the students. This is something the Gideons organisation do across the State as well as provide a short talk to the students. It was great for our students to receive this gift and we thank Gideons for their visit and message.

Mr Liam Toland
Director Pastoral Care (T-12)
TOTO GRADUATION
TEMBO GRADUATION
**LOCKER INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE END OF THE YEAR**

- All lockers are to be cleaned out and locked in the open position by the Thursday, 8 December 2016. Anything found in them after this date will be taken out by Mr Schroder.
- The $20.00 deposit that was paid this year will carry over to next year if the padlock and locker is in excellent condition and still required for 2017.
- Continuing locker renters will have same padlock, but you may have a different locker depending where your Roll Class is.
- Continuing locker renters will need to pay the Office a further $20.00 only for next year’s rental which can be paid at the beginning of the first term next year.
- If your locker is not required next year, you must clean out your locker and return the padlock to the office by recess on Tuesday, 6 December 2016 in good condition. Your locker will then be inspected before you receive your $20.00 deposit back.
- New locker renters next year will need to pick up a form from the office at the beginning of first term 2017 read the attached conditions and hand in the signed agreement with money before Mr Schroder will allocate you a new locker and padlock.
- Next year it is highly recommended that students in Years 7,8 and 9 book a locker for themselves. This will assist in reducing the weight in their College bags. For Years 8 & 9 it will also provide a secure place for students to store the MyTech device at recess and lunch times.

For further enquiries, please contact Mr Schroder at the College office.

Mr Fred Schroder  
Property Manager

**DIGITAL SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE (YEARS 10 AND 11, 2017)**

I recently asked students for expressions of interest in an opportunity to qualify for industry recognised certifications in Microsoft Office, Adobe and Autodesk programs (approximate cost $195.00). I am pleased to advise that we have received sufficient interest to run with this opportunity.

In basic terms we see the process to support this opportunity to work as follows:

1. Student registers their interest with the College and pays the relevant fee to the College
2. The College passes the payment and the student's details on to Xcerio
3. Xcerio make direct contact with the student, providing them with the learning materials/practice test;
4. Students learn and practise the new skills and theory (at home / self-paced / without College support);
5. The College supervises the examination (undertaken on the College grounds) at set times (probably once per term)

All students in Years 10 and 11 in 2017 will be able to participate in this opportunity whether they expressed interest or not.

We are in the process of working out the finer details with Xcerio and we anticipate that we will be able to publish those early in 2017. Stay tuned for that.

Mr Jay Hart  
Secondary Teacher
**PRIMARY MATTERS**

Thank you to all parents who filled in the T-4 Information Night survey. Some useful information was shared and we appreciate your feedback. To this end, we will be changing the T-4 Information Night to now become T-6 Information Night.

Save the date for T-6 Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday, 2 February 2017 at 7.00 pm. This is the first week back of Term 1.

More information will be distributed in the new year.

**Mr Stuart McIntosh**
Junior Pastoral Care Coordinator T-4

**NEWS FROM THE INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRES**

Coming up to the end of the year it is a very busy time for the libraries. Please take note of the dates for return of resources so we can ensure we have the necessary requirements for students in 2017.

**Contact**
The orders for contact have been delivered to the College. They can be collected from the College Office by either the student or the parent from today onwards. There is a current backorder on the short rolls of contact so these will not be available until January next year- first day back at the College.

**Textbooks Return: Years 7-10**
All textbooks were due back to the College on Wednesday, 30 November. Books which remain outstanding in the last week of the term will be billed to the student’s account. Students who were away during the return period need to return their books to me personally before the last day of College.

**Years 11/12**
Students keep their textbooks and library books over the holiday period. No returns are necessary.

**Musical Instruments: Years 4 and 6**
All musical instruments for the above years are due back in their music lesson next week (between Tuesday, 29 November and Friday, 2 December). Any student who wishes to continue with their instrument and private lessons needs to organise this with Mr Grant.

**Library books- 7-10**
All books are now overdue and need to be returned by Friday, 2 December. Students will be given reminders on Monday, 5 December for overdue books. Any outstanding books not returned by Friday, 9 December will be billed to the student’s account.

**Year 11 and 12 Head Start Lectures**
Students beginning Year 11 or Year 12 next year are able to attend head start lectures at The University of Sydney. Brochures on the availability of courses and costs are on the Flynn IRC desk. Lecture dates for Year 11 are from Saturday, 14 January to Tuesday, 24 January. Lecture dates for Year 12 are from Monday, 9 January to Tuesday, 24 January.
Getting your licence:
Free log book run- set aside these dates to assist getting your log book hours up. 19 February and 30 April. Bookings to participate in this free event are essential at Wollondilly Council. Details are displayed in Flynn IRC. Remember to practice for your licence test using the Practice Tests listed under the Flynn section of the IRC website.

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

NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY LIBRARIES

The 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge
Students who have completed the 2016 reading challenge have been awarded their certificates - congratulations on your reading achievements.

The 2017 Premier’s Reading Challenge for students in K-2
Class teachers and the Primary Teacher-Librarian will continue to read stories from the list so each student can participate.

For students in Year 3-6 – start your reading record now for the 2017 challenge
Students can start a record of their reading now for the 2017 challenge - these titles can be entered online in Term 1 after we have checked each student’s details. This gives many students a better chance to complete the challenge, especially with the summer holidays approaching. The reading record can be kept in a notebook or online as a Google Doc, Word document, table etc. Be sure to include the title and author so it is easy to enter the titles next year.

OVERDUE Cook and Elizabeth library books
There are still a number of outstanding books – students have been given regular reminders via their diaries and in class time, and there have been notes in the Waratah. Please return all items promptly. Items overdue from Term 3 will be added to fees – a letter will be sent to parents informing them of this.

2016 Library monitors
The Primary Library team are very grateful to our Year 6 Library monitors. They have served the Primary College community with commitment and generosity.

2017 Library monitors
We have had many applications for the 2017 Library monitor positions - thank you Year 5 for your enthusiastic response! All applicants will have the opportunity to work as a monitor in either Terms 1 and 2 OR Terms 3 and 4.

Wishing you all a blessed and Holy Christmas.

Mrs Gail Staples
Primary Teacher-Librarian

CLOTHING POOL

The Clothing Pool will be open on Tuesday, 24 January at 9.00 am for purchasing prior to the commencement of the new College year.

Mrs Michelle Morris
Clothing Pool Supervisor
STANSW Young Scientist Awards 2016

This year we entered a number of student science projects to be judged for the STANSW Young Scientist Awards. These students are to be congratulated on the quality work they produced and the results they achieved in this prestigious competition. **Commendation:** Murray Jobbins (11) – Physics, Tim Ryan (10) – Physics; **High Achievement:** David Clark (11) – Earth & Environmental, Irene Li (10) – Chemistry, Tyler Birman (10) – Chemistry, Noah Sarkis (10) – Chemistry; **Excellence:** Amy Bennison (11) – Biology, William Harris (11) – Earth & Environmental.

Dr Andrew Eaton
Science Coordinator

Changes to Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) Subsidy

From 20 December 2016, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy will be progressively phased out and replaced by the School Drive Subsidy. The deadline for new applications for the existing PVC subsidy is Tuesday, 20 December 2016. Parents or guardians currently receiving the existing PVC subsidy can choose to stay on it or switch to the new School Drive Subsidy after Tuesday, 17 January 2017. If you want to remain on the existing PVC subsidy, you don’t need to make any changes.

What is the main change? For parents/guardians driving one or more students from the same household to the nearest public transport pick up point or to the College, the new School Drive Subsidy will be paid ‘per trip’ (for the complete school trip). This ‘per trip’ payment is different from the current PVC subsidy, which is paid ‘per student’.

For more information in helping you make the right choice, brochures can be collected at the Student Reception or visit [transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive](http://transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive) or telephone 131 500.

Mrs Deborah Cook
Deputy Headmaster’s Secretary

Christmas Hampers

Wollondilly Anglican Community Cares (WACCares) supports families and individuals with home cooked meals and comfort during times of illness, disability or bereavement. With the wonderful support Wollondilly Anglican College, Anglicare and local churches, WACCares, once again, would like to distribute some Christmas cheer in the form of hampers. If you would like to help, Christmas goodies (non-perishables) can be left at the College office.

They are seeking donations of Christmas Treats to supplement their store cupboard hampers and would welcome items such as Christmas puddings, Christmas cake, fruit mince pies, custard, chocolates, biscuits, lollies, Christmas bonbons - anything that would bring some Christmas cheer to our families.

A collection box is in the College Reception.

Mrs Lynnette Buick
WACCares Coordinator
SECONDARY COLLEGE SPORT

MISA
This week our Cricket sides played in their respective finals for 1st place (Years 8/9) and 3rd place (Year 7). In the Year 7 match Jackson Andrews had an outstanding game. He retired on 20 no with the bat and in the field took one wicket, one run out and one catch. The 8/9 side were up against an undefeated Magdalene and whilst playing well, couldn't beat such a strong opposition. They finish the competition in 2nd place which is still a fantastic result!

In Volleyball the 10-11 Girls continued their strong season with a 2-1 victory over Mount Carmel. This sees them finish in 3rd position on the ladder. Unfortunately the boys couldn't win a set in their 0-3 loss.

Our Oz Tag teams both played in close, evenly matched games. The Boys got off to a slow start conceding 3 early tries but fought back late in the game with the final score 3-5. In the girls’ game it was a low scoring match with strong defensive skills by both teams. Unfortunately Mount Carmel took the win 1-2.

Both Year 7 Basketball sides have continued to develop this term. The Year 7 girls were missing players but still managed a close 9-14 game with no reserves. In the Boys’ game they were outclassed by a very strong opposition.

Rugby League
Today we hosted the inaugural WAC v Moss Vale High Rugby League Gala Day. This event saw our U/14’s and U/16’s play in a 9’s tournament on the WACA. A full report will be in the final Waratah Weekly next week.

Years 7-9 Last Day Swimming
A reminder that notes need to be returned to your Roll Call teacher no later than Friday, 2 December. If your child is not attending they must still return their note indicating so. All students must wear appropriate swimwear (One-piece swimsuit for girls, rash vests not T-shirts). As student safety is a priority students who fail the swim test will not be permitted to swim. The swim test involves safe water entry/exit, 25m swim, 1min treading water.

Upcoming Events:
WAC v MHS Rugby League 1 December
Pool Day 8 December

Mr Mark Goldsborough
Secondary Sports Coordinator

SECONDARY IPSSO

The senior IPSSO basketball team made it to the IPSSO Finals undefeated where we played William Carey in the semi final. Both teams played very well but Wollondilly won quite easily 38 to 20. In the finals we played Thomas Hassall. It was a close game in the start then it drifted away with Thomas Hassall winning 30 to 15. The team played very well all day so congratulations to Eloise McMiles, Leigh Birman, Ashton Reid, Eliza Eaton, Charlie Day, Kiana Green, Sam Jarvis, Coopar Nianios and Joshua Croft.

Well done.

We also would like to express our gratitude to our wonderful coach Mr Wayne.

Eliza Eaton Team Member Year 6
IPSSO AND 3 TO 6 COLLEGE SPORT

Congratulations to Mr Wayne and the senior Basketball team. The team unfortunately lost in the IPSSO final against Thomas Hassall Anglican College. The students represented the College well and fought right to the end.

The six week College sport swimming program concluded last week. Thanks to Wollondilly Leisure Centre for running the swimming lessons and squad training activities.

On Wednesday, 7 December, to celebrate the year in sport, all students will be heading to Wollondilly Leisure Centre for a swimming afternoon. Notes for this afternoon should be returned to classroom teachers by next Thursday.

Finally, thanks to Stephen from the Picton Tennis Academy for the K-2 program he ran at the start of the Term. Students had a fantastic time learning tennis skills over the four week program.

Mr Stuart Houweling
IPSSO Sports Coordinator

NEW EDUMATE PAYMENT SYSTEM

Attention all parents

Please familiarise yourself over the 2016/2017 break with the new payment system offered through the Parent Portal. To sign in, please use your current Parent Portal/Edumate log in username and password (if you have forgotten these or require the password to be reset please email the College at portal@wac.nsw.edu.au.)

There are many new features on offer through the new system such as:
1. The ability to view your invoice as soon as it is charged to your account - no waiting for the post to arrive.
2. The choice of the day of the week that the repayment is deducted from your account - not only a Thursday as per the previous system.
3. The ability to make payments on a weekly basis - fortnightly, monthly and termly instalments are also still available.
4. The ability to choose when your deductions start - ie if you get paid monthly you can choose to have the repayment deducted from your account the day after you are paid each month.
5. Details of any other charges added to your account and the ability to increase your repayments to cover these charges.

Please note that as per the terms and conditions on the invoice there will be a LATE CHARGE now added to all accounts not paid by the due date starting in Term 1, 2017. To avoid this charge please either pay your account in full by the due date on the invoice or if this is not possible please set up an automatic payment so you have the whole term to pay tuition costs.

If you require any additional assistance with setting up repayments for 2017 please contact me at the College on l.grzasko@wac.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Lisa Grzasko
Credit Controller
Which device should I buy my child?
There are lots of different devices that meet the minimum specifications and this poses the question which device should parents be buying for their child? A major factor that will influence this decision is how much you are willing to pay for a device. Even a cheap device that meets the minimum specifications will allow students to easily and efficiently complete all the necessary tasks at the College. Because of this the College recommends a basic Windows laptop. However, if you wish to spend more there are other devices such a MacBook that you may wish to purchase for your child. Below are answers to some of the more common questions that are asked about purchasing devices.

Q A computer for less than $500.00 seems too good to be true. Is there a downside?
A For general College use, a basic Windows computer will meet the needs of the majority of students. Senior students studying an IT, D & T or Visual Arts course may need a higher powered computer to run software like the Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, etc.) or Microsoft Access. Some students may also want to use their device beyond the class room for other activities that may require higher specifications.

Q Will my child be at a disadvantage in the Senior Years in IT, D & T or Visual Arts subjects if they only have a cheaper laptop?
A No. We will have some College computers available to run specialised software for these courses. Obviously student access to these computers will be governed by demand.

Q Is an Apple MacBook an acceptable device?
A Yes. Provided the MacBook is relatively new it should meet the minimum specifications detailed at the end of the MyTech booklet on the website.

Q What are the benefits of purchasing a MacBook?
A A MacBook may provide students with greater multimedia capabilities should they require them for visual media based subjects. Microsoft Office 365 is available for a MacBook.

Q What are the disadvantages of purchasing a MacBook?
A A MacBook is generally more expensive than a Windows based laptop. They may also require extra software and carry additional technical support overheads for the user.

Q Why aren't iPads or tablets included?
A Many schools have trialled iPads and are now moving away from them as they do not provide all the functionality that is needed in the learning environment. Disadvantages include the small screen and keyboard sizes. Additionally, only a limited range of programs can be run on these types of devices.

Before purchasing a device please remember to check out the purchasing options on the ‘MyTech’ website under the purchasing tab (http://mytech.wac.nsw.edu.au/purchase.php).

If you have any other questions that are not answered by the Question and Answer Booklet or the ‘MyTech’ website, please send them to mytech@wac.nsw.edu.au

Mr Wayne Baulch  
Secondary Learning Innovations Coordinator
**AUF DEUTSCH BITTE!**

As part of a celebration of German traditions this Term students in Years 8 and 10 investigated **Martinstag**. The students watched YouTube clips of Martinstag parades and a German animated cartoon retelling the life of Saint Martin. In addition, they made St Martin's Day lanterns. Meanwhile students from Years 7, 9 and 11 had the opportunity to make a gingerbread house, as part of their celebration of **Weihnachten**.

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

Mrs Carolyn Clark  
German Teacher

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**JUNIOR HISTORY EXCURSION TO THE HTA NSW HISTORY MASTERMIND COMPETITION**

On Friday, 25 November, a select group of students travelled to St Clair High School to represent the College in the HTA NSW History Mastermind Competition. The students competed as teams of four in the Trivia rounds and individually across a range of topics including – Flags of the World, Sport and Civics and Citizenship. Excitingly, one of our Year 7 teams made it into a play-off for the semi-finals but just missed out on making it through, securing 5th place. This was a great day out, thank you to Mr Rollason for driving the College bus and to the students for their participation in the day.

Mrs Trudy Miller  
Secondary Teacher

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**EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

On Sunday, 20 November Gracie Lee Egner (Year 6) who attends Campbelltown Collegians Little Athletics Centre competed in the NSW State Championship Relays in the under 12 4x100m. The team was successful in coming 1st with a time of 53:59.

Kamryn & Emerson Reid (Year 7 and Year 9) competed last weekend at The Australian All Stars Federation, Nationals Cheer and Dance Competition held on the Gold Coast. It is the highest level event for cheer leading in Australia. The girls’ team 'Scorch' competed in the large groups level 2 division and took out 3rd place.
A GREAT GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS

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Wollondilly Anglican College Cook Book

Available to purchase now.
$30 EACH OR TWO FOR $50

Pick up from the College office from Monday 28 November.

www.wac.nsw.edu.au/cookbook
STUDENT MEDICATIONS

As the end of Term 4 is fast approaching we ask that all parents who have students with medication at the College collect it to take home over the end of year break. That way you can check the expiry dates and discard any out of date items. This includes Asthma Relievers.

Thank you!

Mrs Lisa Grzasko
Credit Controller

COMMUNITY

- **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.

- **Picton Theatre Group - Ali Baba and The 40 Thieves**
  This Christmas Holidays come and see Ali Baba as he searches for the stolen treasure of the dreaded Al Rashid and his infamous gang of 40 thieves! Children $10.00 and Adults $15.00. Lunches available at the Club. Picton Bowling Club, 10 Cliffe Street, Picton. Saturday, 14, 21 and 28 January 2017. 2 shows daily. Book online https://www.trybooking.com/NPNR Enquiries phone 0416 212 247

- **Picton Tennis Academy - Picton Tennis Club**
  January 2017 Tennis Camps for ages 5-12. Week 1: Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11, Thursday 12 January. Week 2: Tuesday, 17, Wednesday 18, Thursday 19 January. Week 3: Monday, 23, Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25 January. Times: 9.00 am - 3.00 pm. For prices and bookings please contact: Email: pictonta@gmail.com or phone 0432 700 178.

- **Carols on the Hill**
  Saturday, 10 December at 7.00 pm. St James Anglican Church, Menangle. Sausage sizzle, petting farm, band/sing-a-long, puppet show, and children’s activities.

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Please note that the above is a service to the Community and items advertised do not necessarily carry the endorsement of the College. The College tries to be selective with what is advertised but cannot take responsibility. Please look into events advertised carefully.

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Thank you to our Gold Sponsors for the 2016 Golf Day:

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What’s in a name? At Christmas we celebrate Jesus, God the Son, who came to earth and took on human form as a baby. His name reveals his identity and why he came. Christ is not his surname but his title. It means in the Greek language, ‘anointed one’ or ‘king’. In Hebrew it’s the same word for Messiah. His first name, Jesus, means ‘Saviour’. Before his birth it was said, “She will give birth to a son, and you will give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” So his name, Jesus Christ, means, “Saviour King”.

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.
Thank God
- For the perfect life of Jesus that provides us with the key to Eternity
- That He is a trustworthy and honest Judge
- For the achievements and personal bests of our students this year

Ask God
- That more will come to know Him as a righteous and fair judge who is also ready to pay the price
- For a smooth start to the Stage 9.5 building program over the break.

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

*Excellence, Endurance, Eternity*