Finding Private Ryan

**Fiction:** *Saving Private Ryan* is a graphic “R” Rated story set during the Allied invasion of Normandy on 6 June 1944. Two brothers are killed during the landing. Adding to the tragedy, a third brother is killed in New Guinea earlier that year. Their mother, Mrs Ryan, who is at home awaiting any news of her boys is to receive three grave telegrams on the same day. The Army, Chief of Staff, somewhat hardened to bearing bad news cannot conceive of the sorrow that the news will bring to Mrs Ryan. He learns of the dire circumstance of Mrs Ryan’s only remaining son, Private James Ryan, who is also serving in the front lines and sends a (very reluctant) group of eight men to “save” Private Ryan and bring him home to his mother.

**Fact:** 28 years earlier another Private Ryan, soldier 1520, Acting Sergeant William Polding Ryan, from Crystal Creek NSW: 8th Brigade, 31st Battalion, was killed in Action, 19 July, 1916 – Age 20.

He died at Fromelles in France on the Western front in what is commonly described as the worst day in Australia’s history. The briefest, bloodiest and most useless battle of the first World War.

A description from the Australian War memorial, reads that - directed against a strong German position known as the Sugar Loaf salient, the attack was intended primarily as a feint to draw German troops away from the Somme offensive. When the troops of the 5th Australian Division attacked at 6.00 pm on 19 July 1916, they suffered heavily at the hands of German machine-gunners. Small parts of the German trenches were captured by the 8th and 14th Australian Brigades, but, devoid of flanking support and subjected to fierce counter-attacks, they were forced to withdraw. By 8.00 am on 20 July 1916, 14 hours later, the battle was over. The 5th Australian Division suffered 5,533 casualties, rendering it incapable of offensive action for many months. The attack was a complete failure as the Germans realised it was merely a feint. It had no impact whatsoever upon the progress of the Somme offensive.

Small parts of the German trenches were captured by the 8th and 14th Brigades. As 173 Australian soldiers made their way towards the second German line, the others in the brigades were forced to withdraw and the Germans surged back into the trench that had been taken. Among them was a 27 year old German Corporal named Adolf Hitler. All 173 Australians who had broken through were trapped. For 90 years they were lost – missing in action.

In 2007, a persistent retired Australian school teacher, Lambis Englezos, committed himself to finding the lost soldiers and studied aerial photographs of a nearby thicket of trees called Pheasant Wood. There he found a mass grave that had been overlooked for 90 years. There were 144 soldiers identified through the DNA of relatives. All have been re buried in Pheasant Wood Military Cemetery with full military honours. In the 90 years that they lay in a mass grave, undiscovered, their parents passed away, as did remaining siblings. The ache in their hearts had never healed.

Among them were soldier 1252, Corporal Alfred George Tuck: 8th Brigade, 29th Battalion, Killed in Action July 19 1916 – Age 21. Body identified by surviving family member’s DNA in 2012. My dad’s Great Uncle.

Among them were soldier 1520, Acting Sergeant William Polding Ryan, from Crystal Creek NSW: 8th Brigade, 31st Battalion, Killed in Action July 19 1916 – Age 20. Body identified by surviving family member’s DNA in 2010. My mum’s Great Uncle.

**So young: So lost: Found at last: Lest we forget!**
FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Parents and Friends AGM – Monday, 6 March
I encourage parents to attend our AGM on Monday, 6 March. Nominations for positions for the P&F executive are due to me before the evening. This means parents are welcome to attend and won’t be pressured to accept positions on the Executive on the evening.

Nominations can be sent via pa@wac.nsw.edu.au
We are seeking nominations for the following positions for 2017: President and Secretary. There will also be available some opportunities for people to coordinate some of our events:

WAC Reaches Top 100 in Duke of Edinburgh
The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award – Australia (NSW Division) has congratulated the College in making the ‘Top 100’ Award Units in NSW. The data below is based on both Award registrations and completions for 2016, compared with 2015 results. Your Award participation rankings are based on the 2016 registrations and completions across 950 Award Units nationally.

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Today more than 140 countries have adopted The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award program with over 8 million young people having participated worldwide. Locally over 700,000 young people have completed an Award in Australia over the past 57 years, with on average 40,000 very diverse Participants working towards achieving an Award annually.

A research pilot study conducted by Western Sydney University in 2015 reported that: “… improvements to a Participant’s self-confidence, ability to cope with change (resilience), leadership, overall effectiveness and active involvement could be directly attributed to participation in the Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award…”

Congratulations and thanks to the staff involved in supporting the program either as Award Leaders, Supervisors, Assessors or behind the scenes.

Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Program 2017

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Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster
Assessment at Wollondilly
Assessment is an important part of student learning and can be defined as

‘the collection and evaluation of evidence of a student's learning’ (NESA 2017)

Assessment is far more than a mark and can be used to answer a whole range of questions for the student, the teacher and the parent. Teachers integrate assessment into their programs which is often referred to as assessment for learning. Teachers use this to help plan meaningful and appropriate learning activities. We also strongly encourage students to engage with assessment as a reflective tool and help them plan their own learning which helps students to take responsibility for the learning process. Finally, teachers use assessment of learning as evidence of students learning against outcomes and performance bands.

In determining grades, teachers will use both Informal Assessment and Formal Assessment. The Assessment Information Booklets provide further information about these types of assessment activities.

Assessment Information Booklets
All students across Years 7-12 will be receiving their Assessment Information Booklets in Weeks 3 and 4. Both parents and students are encouraged to read these carefully to ensure that assessment policies and procedures are understood. Assessment dates for each subject can also be found in the booklets.

Student Diary and Study Planner
At Wollondilly we encourage students to take responsibility for their learning. An important part of this is developing organisational skills through the use of the student diary and the study planner. Students should be writing relevant assessment dates in their diaries so they can plan well for busy times of the year.

The study planner is a great tool to assist in setting goals, tracking assessment tasks and planning study time effectively. The study planner is issued to students at the start of each Stage of Learning (Years 7, 9 and 11).

Mr Paul Burns
Director of Teaching and Learning (7-12)
Peer Support
On Tuesday, 14 February the College commenced the Peer Support Program for 2017. It was the first of eight sessions that focus on developing resilience in students as part of co-led groups by Year 10 leaders. Late in 2016 the leaders who at the time were in Year 9 underwent a two day training program in order to be able to facilitate the program. It is a leadership opportunity for the Year 10 students involved and a program that also assists in providing access for the Year 7 students to supportive peers as well as having a transition to secondary focus.

The focus on resilience is deliberate in this program. It is essential that young people are able to bounce back from set-backs and challenges. Coping with challenge is a part of the world that we live in, a toolkit for young people to navigate their worlds and do so with a bounce back and move forward is a way that this program assists. It was a great first session, engaged in well by the Year 7 students and enthusiastically by the Year 10 leaders. The leaders reflected post session which is part of the process and will move forward as part of this evaluation onto the next session looking for continued ways to connect with their groups and engage the students in their care.

Community Service
In 2017 the following staff will be the ‘go to’ people for the activities listed below -

QV Nursing Visits - Mr Ben Leffley Email Contact - b.leffley@wac.nsw.edu.au
Description of Activity - Visits to QV Nursing Home Thirlmere with a focus on developing relationships with the residents of the nursing home. This is a fantastic way to give back to, support and engage with the elderly in our community. It is a program where the benefits are reciprocal and the time spent and connections made invaluable.
Days/Time - Wednesday after 2.45 pm - 4.15 pm. Arriving back in time for the late bus. Interested students or parents who require more information should contact Mr Leffley directly.

RFS Cadets Program - Mrs Erica Bawden Email Contact - e.bawden@wac.nsw.edu.au
Description of the Program - A program targeting Year 9-10 students completed over a 10 week period in Term 2 2017. It is a combination of theory and practical run by volunteers from the Rural Fire Service. It culminates in a graduation ceremony at the completion of the program and often finds students then engaging in opportunities as part of their local brigades. The program has a local community and volunteer focus which has been desirable for many in terms of looking for avenues to engage with a support their local community.
Days/Time - Thursday 2.35 pm - 4.30 pm (Term 2 only)
Interested students or parents that require more information should contact Mrs Bawden. I have passed on to her all those who registered at the end of 2016.

Important Events
The following are a list of upcoming events with either a Community Service or Pastoral focus. We encourage all students to engage with and attend the Community based events. As an important distinctive of the College we aim to promote a focus on the importance of serving others and a mentality that is directed more at we and less at me. All students who attend Community Service activities are issued with a Community Service merit and earn a point for their House as part of the Overall House Shield.

Thirlmere Steam Festival - 5 March. Term 1 Term Service - 24 March. Term 1 Working Bee - 18 March.

Mr Liam Toland
Director Pastoral Care (T-12)
Year 7 camp
As you read this our Year 7 students will, no doubt, be immersed in all sorts of challenging and fun activities while at Youthworks Christian Recreation Campsite. Please continue to pray for new friendships and that our students will come back feeling exhausted and happy from their time away. Students will be arriving back at the College at approximately 3.00 pm on Friday, 17 February 2017.

Our first chapel for the term
Last week saw us kick off Chapel for the term. Even with increasing numbers and a heat wave we all managed to make our way calmly into the comfort of our air conditioned Auditorium. Students from Years 5 to 8 learnt a few interesting facts about myself, including that I was perhaps a less than average student when in Primary. More importantly students had the chance to reflect on elements of life where we have no control. Our hope was that students left College Friday afternoon with a confidence that God is in control of all things. Even the elements of life that can sometimes cause us hurt and discomfort. Students were encouraged to pray about all things; the good, the difficult and everything in between, to a God who is in control.

Helping to build resilience in your child
This term we will be making our way through 10 tips for building resilience in your child. This week I thought we might jump ahead and take a look at tips 2 and 3.

Tip number 2. Help your child by having him or her help others
Children who may feel helpless can be empowered by helping others. Engage your child in age-appropriate volunteer work, or ask for assistance yourself with some task that he or she can master. At home, brainstorm with children about ways they can help others and encourage them to get involved in the many service opportunities we have at the College.

Tip number 3. Maintain a daily routine
Sticking to a routine can be comforting to children, especially younger children who crave structure in their lives. Encourage your child to develop his or her own routines. Help them to plan out their afternoons, days and weeks including times for relaxation activities. Planned time for being unplugged from technology is highly recommended. This will provide your child with a structured foundation and protect against them feeling overwhelmed.

Mr Peter Hazlewood
Middle Pastoral Care Coordinator

Year 7 Leave for Camp
AFL Coaching After Schools Program 2017
The AFL will once again conduct its very popular four week coaching development program for children from Transition to Year 6 starting tomorrow, Friday, 17 February, 2017. It runs after College hours from 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm at the front oval. The program will definitely commence at 3.00 pm even though the invitation states starting at 3.20 pm. All students have received an invitation form and registration is online. Please contact me at d.wayne@wac.nsw.edu.au for any further information.

WAC Annual Primary Swimming Carnival 2017
Permission notes have been handed out for our annual carnival tomorrow, Friday, 17 February at 8.30 am at Picton Leisure Centre. There is a $2.50 entry fee for all spectators. Please dress up in your house colours and show your support. Students are expected to wear their house polo shirts. Students will travel by bus to and from the Leisure Centre during normal College hours. Parents are definitely allowed to help officiate so please inform me if you haven’t already on the permission note. The 50 metre Butterfly and Individual Medleys will commence at 8.00 am sharp.

From this, Wollondilly will attend the NASSA primary swimming carnival at Homebush Olympic Park on Tuesday, 28 February 2017, starting at 4.00 pm and finishing near 7.30 pm.

NASSA Selection Criteria:
50 metres freestyle: Fastest three times in 8 to 10 years old, 11 and 12 years old.
50 metres butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke: fastest two times in combined 8 to 10 years old, 11 and 12 years old.
100 metre freestyle is fastest boy and girl in combined 8 to 10 years old, 11 and 12 years old.

WAC T-2 and Primary Cross Country 2017
Transition to Year 2: This will be held at the College front oval area on Friday, 24 March 2017, starting after lunch at 1.35 pm.

Years 3 to 6: This will be held on the last Wednesday of Term 1, Wednesday, 5 April 2017, commencing from 12.30 pm.

Parents and friends are very welcome to come and cheer on our students.

NSWCIS Primary Tennis Competition 2017
Best of luck to Jacob Croft and Emmett Shafer who head to The King’s School Parramatta next Monday to compete in the round robin event. The boys have the opportunity to be selected in the NSWCIS primary tennis team.

Primary Sport House Captains 2017
Congratulations to the following students:

Wollemi  Pamela Stanton, Lucas Hollingworth
Acacia  Bridie Kinchin, Coopar Nianios
Telopea  Dominic Guido, Harriet Ellis
Grevillea  Baxter Davies, Cheyanne Allen
Sollya  Matthew Eagles, Ella Nance

Mr Darren Wayne
Primary Sports Coordinator
SECONDARY COLLEGE SPORT

MISA Sport
We are off to a strong start in the season with five of our eight teams winning this week. Our 7-9 Volleyball teams both had wins with the boys winning 2-1 and the girls winning 2-0. This was a great result because for many players this was their first competitive Volleyball match. Our 10-12 OzTag teams had dominant performances with the girls winning 7-0 and the boys 5-2. In the girls game the tries were evenly spread across the team and Bailey Tzitziris stood out with her leadership this week.

In 8/9 Basketball Mekdes Geist, Kamryn Reid and Monique McGuire stood out in the 17-12 win over St Benedict’s. In the boys’ game it was a low scoring match with the boys losing 5-9 in an evenly matched game.

In 7-9 Softball both teams went down in their opening match of the season. The boys’ side lost 4-1 despite great batting from Matt Grima and a strong overall team effort. Similarly, the girls lost 9-1 despite their enthusiasm and effort.

Next week we play Magdalene in all sports.

Tuesday Sport Groups
Students are reminded if they attend Gym UFO (Weights) or Bargo Gym (Kickboxing) they must bring a sweat towel. All students doing Year 7/8 Swimming must bring a towel, goggles and swimmers each week.

Secondary Swimming Carnival
The Secondary Carnival will be held on Friday, 24 February at Wollondilly Leisure Centre. The permission notes need to be returned by the due date of Friday, 17 February. It is essential they are received by this date to ensure enough buses are booked. Spare notes are located in the front office.

NASSA Tennis Gala Day
Sign-ups for the NASSA Tennis Gala Day will take place this week in Mr Goldsbrough’s office. A separate boys’ and girls’ team will be sent this year. The Gala Day will take place on Friday, 3 March.

Upcoming Events:
MISA Meeting Friday, 17 February
Swimming Carnival Friday, 24 February
NASSA Swimming Wednesday, 1 March (night event)
NASSA Tennis Friday, 3 March

Mr Mark Goldsbrough
Unfortunately games against Broughton this week were cancelled. However it was a good opportunity for teams to have practice sessions and prepare for the long season ahead.

Next week IPSSO teams have a bye.

Thanks to the coaches from the GWS Giants who ran skills sessions with College sport students. They really engaged with activities, it was a great introduction to the optional sessions that will start running after school this term. College sport students also began their NRL sessions and Tennis sessions. Stephan Hall from Picton Tennis Academy was very impressed with how quickly students developed their skills. These tennis sessions will run for the remainder of the Term.

Mr Stuart Houweling
IPSSO Sports Coordinator

YEAR 9 CAMP

Year 9 will be attending Koolona Conference Centre, near Nowra, for a three day camp. The program focuses on outdoor education and challenge activities, with one night spent in a tent and the other in a cabin. Students have received information and permission notes this week. Please take care in completing all medical and dietary needs and return the notes ASAP. The dates of the camp are Wednesday, 15 March until Friday, 17 March with coach transport organised within normal College operating hours. Please contact Mr Russell c.russell@wac.nsw.edu.au with any questions.

Mr Craig Russell
Secondary Teacher

HOMEWORK CLUB HAS STARTED

Students are encouraged to make this part of their study routine for this term. The workshops and Johnson Studio will be open for students studying in these subjects. Students must meet at the Flynn IRC as normal and then go to the workshop or the Studio with the supervising teacher.

When: Wednesday afternoons 3.00 pm - 4.30 pm
Where: Flynn IRC
What to bring: Homework, tasks, puzzling questions, necessary equipment and a positive attitude! It is essential that you have a work plan for the time you attend Homework Club
Pick up: Students need to be picked up by 4.30 pm in the Melba car park
Contact: Mrs Coutts-Smith, Mr Shellshear, Dr Bearlin, Mr Madden, Mr Cassidy & Mrs Talbot (Office Phone: 4684 2577)

Mrs Kristy Coutts-Smith
Secondary Teacher
SCHOOL DRIVE SUBSIDY

Parents and guardians who live a long distance from the College or public transport are able to apply for the School Drive Subsidy. This new scheme has replaced the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy.

Applications are now open at www.transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive. For more information on the School Drive Subsidy, please visit transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive or telephone 131 500. The College Office, Student Reception also, has a flyer for parent/guardian information.

Mrs Deborah Cook
Deputy Headmaster’s Secretary

MATHS CLUB YEARS 2-6 2017

Maths Club will be offered every Monday at second half lunch in my classroom. Year 2 are also invited. There will be a variety of learning games, problem solving and websites to practice so come along and have some fun.

If any further information is required, please contact me at d.wayne@wac.nsw.edu.au

Mr Darren Wayne
Primary Teacher

T-1 STUDENTS CATCHING THE BUS

All children in T, K and 1 who catch the bus, have been sent home a card to be filled out. Please return this card as soon as possible and a bus card will be created for your child. Thank you.

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

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS DURING COLLEGE HOURS

If you need to get a message to your child during College hours, parents are requested to contact the Office prior to 1.30 pm in order to allow sufficient time for the message to be passed on.

While every effort is made to pass on the message, due to the large number of students now attending the College and the busyness and variety of their routine, parents run the risk that messages arriving after 1.30 pm may not be passed on in time.

Mr Jonathon Shaw
College Administrator
THIRLMERE FESTIVAL OF STEAM

Wollondilly Anglican College is once again a proud Gold sponsor of the Thirlmere Festival of Steam. It will be held over the weekend of 4 and 5 March 2017 and we ask parents to mark this date in the diary as it is a fun event not to be missed!

The Parade which is a big part of the Festival is held on Sunday, 5 March at 1.00 pm and we encourage students to join the Wollondilly Anglican College entourage in full College summer uniform. We will be handing out free helium balloons which we ask students to come and collect from our marquee located in the park to carry in the parade.

Come and support our talented students who will be taking to the stage on the Sunday at 9.00 am to perform as part of the entertainment program.

More information will follow in upcoming Waratah Weeklies.

Mrs Kristy Biddle
Development Officer

SCHOLARSHIPS 2018 2019

Scholarship applications for 2018 2019 have now closed. All applicants will receive a letter shortly providing information about the test day, which will take place on Saturday, 25 February 2017.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Kristy Biddle
Development Officer

APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT 2018

Applications are coming in thick and fast for 2018, especially in all our entry years - Transition, Kindergarten and Year 7. All current College families looking to enrol siblings next year are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible.

Early applications for enrolment are always recommended - we are happy to receive your applications for all year groups for any year of entry.

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

Mrs Kristy Biddle
Development Officer
**DIGITAL SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE (YEARS 10 AND 11, 2017)**

At the end of 2016 I 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 confirm that 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. Each 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 College term)

All students in Years 10 and 11 in 2017 will be able to participate in this opportunity whether they expressed interest or not. **Please see me ASAP if you now have an interest in this opportunity and you have not previously told me so.**

We are in the process of working out the finer details with Xcerio and we anticipate that we will publish these later in Term 1, 2017.

Mr Jay Hart
Secondary Teacher

**YEAR 11 VISIT TRANSITION**

Year 11 Design students visited transition on Monday to investigate how young children play. They are designing and making educational toys for 3-6 year olds. As part of their project Year 11 played with Transition and observed them interacting with each other. The time spent with Transition is invaluable for the design students and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I think Transition had lots of fun too. The students would like to thank Mrs Barron, Mrs Hyslop and all the Transition students of their assistance.

Mr Michael Cassidy
Secondary Teacher - TAS and Careers
This year we will begin implementing ‘MyTech’ as part of the College’s ongoing technology development. ‘MyTech’ involves every secondary student will bring their own device to College. In many schools it is called a BYOD (bring your own device) program. This means teachers will no longer have to wait until they are able to book a computer room and then move their class out of their often specialised classrooms to access computers for a lesson. It will allow teachers and students to access a wide variety of online learning activities and tools at any time, in any lesson, while they are still in their normal classrooms.

The rollout of ‘MyTech’ will begin in Term 3 this year when students in Years 8 and 9 will bring their own device to College. In 2018 Year 7 and 8 will bring their own device. This will then flow into senior years as students move up. By the beginning of 2020 every student in Years 7-12 will be bringing their own device to the College.

MyTech rollout for each year group

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It is an exciting initiative that will bring more flexibility and innovation to the classroom environment. We recognise that although there will be lots of new educational opportunities, there are also many issues and legitimate concerns that the new technology brings with it.

As we move towards the rollout of ‘MyTech’ there will be lots of questions that will need to be answered. Over the next two terms we will be addressing some of the common questions that parents may have about ‘MyTech’. Answers to these questions can also be found in the ‘MyTech’ Questions and Answer Booklet that was distributed to the current Year 8 and 9 students at the end of last year. If you did not get a copy and would like one please see Mr Baulch or download a copy from the College website at http://mytech.wac.nsw.edu.au/qanda_booklet.pdf.

Additionally, please remember to check out the purchasing portal and if you have any specific questions regarding ‘MyTech’ or device specifications please check the ‘MyTech’ section of the College website http://mytech.wac.nsw.edu.au or feel free to email mytech@wac.nsw.edu.au

Mr Wayne Baulch
Secondary Learning Innovations Coordinator
Wollondilly Anglican College Equestrian Team 2017:

Students from Kindergarten to Year 12 are able to participate in InterSchools Equestrian Events representing the College. InterSchools events are usually held on the weekend and it is the responsibility of the parents to provide transport and supervision. Students who participate need to have the following:

1. The Headmaster’s permission for each event (i.e. Oxley Equestrian, Chevalier Equestrian Day etc)
2. A signed waiver for each event (this covers the student for insurance in case of an accident)
3. Details of the particular Interschool event
4. All College representatives need to have the College saddlecloth, brow band and helmet cover.
5. College uniform is green jumper, white shirt and tie with jodhpurs

The College saddlecloths etc are available for purchase or hire from the front office. There are a few secondhand items in excellent condition which are also available (depending on horse size). Information packages for upcoming events (with all forms) will be available from the College Office. Events will be advertised in the Weekly with closing dates etc.

At this point in time the local InterSchools events have not yet confirmed their dates. We have also not yet heard if the very popular Interschool clinic will be held next holidays at Camden.

Currently, the only confirmed InterSchools Events are:
Snowy Mountains Grammar InterSchool – 27 April 2017
NSW State InterSchool Championships - 13 June 2017

If you have any enquiries please let the College office know.

Mrs Louise Saint
WAC Equestrian Team Manager

F.L.O.W.E.R.S. Canteen & Cafeteria

It’s not too late to fill in your volunteer form if you would like to help out in the canteen. Helpers are needed for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Merchandise on sale at the canteen includes:
Excursion bags - $15.00, Art smocks – $20.00, College swimwear (needed only if going on to represent the College), Football socks $9.00. Please see the College website for more details.

If you are new and have not registered for Flexischools, please do so you can be ready to put in an order. Students who order a frozen treat will need to come back to the Canteen and present their lunch bag to pick it up. K-2 children will have a stamp on their bag to remind them.

Remember not to give little ones too much money as they can only purchase two things at once and they are not to buy for their friends.

In the event that your child needs to leave early and they have a lunch order please drop by the Canteen and pick up their lunch order.

Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy,
Mrs Carolyn Richards
Canteen Supervisor
**Willkommen in Wollondilly!** Welcome to Wollondilly! As we start a new year there are a number of exciting language opportunities open to our College families. Firstly we are seeking College families who are prepared to host a German student from our sister school in Germany. The students will be attending Wollondilly for a maximum of three months. There are several students aged 15 or 16, who would like to visit Australia, however, this is dependent on finding host families here at the College. There are both boys and girls seeking a host family.

We have now been doing this program for several years. Previous host families have enjoyed the experience. The links between the German and Australian families often last well into the future. Although it is desirable for the student to have their own room, it isn't mandatory. Families would be expected to provide a home and introduce their student to Australia. In the past families have visited places like wildlife parks, Manly, Wollongong, Canberra and Sydney Harbour with their German student. However, the choice would be yours.

If your child is in the elective German classes, then there is also the possibility of doing an exchange back to Germany. However, all College families even primary families looking for a “big brother” or “sister” are welcome to host one of our German students. The German students would make a contribution to their host family for their board, unless the child of the host family is going on exchange.

**If you are interested in hosting a German student please contact either Mrs Clark or the College office as soon as possible.**

Finally the planning for this year’s College trip to Germany is well underway. Owing to a student withdrawal there is a possible place for a female student in Years 8-11 to apply for the trip. If your daughter is interested in this please speak to Mrs Clark as soon as possible.

Remember “Monolingualism is curable. Learn a second language!”

Mrs Carolyn Clark
German Teacher

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**MEET THE STAFF**

We have appointed a new Middle Pastoral Care Coordinator (5-8) Mr Peter Hazlewood. Please make welcome our newest staff member.

**Mr Hazelwood’s profile:**

*Where did you grow up?* Sydney. Kingsgrove

*Favourite food?* Sushi

*Favourite book?* “Far From the Tree”: Parents, children and the search for Identity, by Andrew Solomon

*Favourite music?* Chilled acoustic covers

Wollondilly Anglican College
would like to invite you and your child to

An Information Evening
for
Year 7 2018
(both students already enrolled and students who are interested)

Wednesday, 22 February 2017

6.00 pm  College Tours
Tours will depart at 6.00 pm and 6.20 pm from Deakin back verandah

6.15 pm  BBQ Supper
Deakin back verandah

7.00 pm  Information Evening
Warne Auditorium

8.00 pm  Evening close

Come along and take the opportunity to view our facilities, meet current students and ask questions about the Secondary years at Wollondilly.

We look forward to welcoming you!

…my family is worth the investment!
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.

- **Shindig for Sheree**
  Let’s all rally together and support one of our families. Buy a ticket, invite your family and friends and head on over to Victoria Oval Picton in your 70s costumes on Saturday, 25 February at 4.00 pm. Cost $50.00 per adult includes entry and dinner. Children are free. No tickets will be sold on the day. Tickets available by contacting Tymeka Lawson 0400 550 157 or Scott Borthwick 0431 462 664.

- **Nursery Workshop at Wirrimbirra**
  Welcome to the first of our Nursery Workshops for 2017 to be held on Saturday, 11 February from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, with an included Sausage Sizzle from 12 noon. This workshop will start with a guided tour of the Wirrimbirra Sanctuary Nursery, pulling back the curtain on the backstage work of a production nursery from propagation to presentation – we will spend some time on a plant’s journey from seed to sale. Sowing seeds collected on the property will start getting our hands dirty, along with potting up plants and some tips and tricks to help keep natives growing well in your garden. This includes potting your own plant to take home. **Location:** Wirrimbirra Sanctuary, 3105 Remembrance Drive Bargo NSW. **Date:** Saturday, 11 February 2017. **Time:** 10.00 am-12.00 pm- Sausage Sizzle. **Cost:** $10.00 per person (includes sausage sizzle and potted plant)

- **Wollondilly Shire Council Free log book run**
  Sunday, 19 February (advanced route). Sunday, 30 April (Bargo Route). Wollondilly Council Administration Building. Bookings are essential 4677 9588 or email roadsafety@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

- **Global Sounds Regional Towns**
  Featuring the Sydney world music chamber orchestra. Strings Workshop, Picton. Saturday, 25 February 10.00 am until 3.00 pm. Picton Shire Hall tyrbooking.com/ONWQ. Performance details, Goulburn. Sunday, 26 February 3.00 pm until 4.00 pm. St Saviour’s Cathedral Hall Goulburn trybooking.com/ONXA

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.
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
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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 Rob Meischke (02) 0437 533 106.

**HEADMASTERLY HAPPENINGS**

**February**

**Thursday, 16**  
Association of Independent Schools Board Meeting, Sydney  
(Evening) Visit Year 7 Camp

**Friday, 17**  
**College Primary Swimming Carnival**  
Student enrolment interviews 2018  
(Evening) Tigers V Cowboys Trial

**Saturday, 18**  
Heads of Independent Co-Educational Schools Meeting - Lindisfarne

**Sunday, 19**  
HICES – Lindisfarne

**Monday, 20**  
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**Tuesday, 21**  
Student enrolment interviews 2018

**Wednesday, 22**  
Wollondilly Anglican College hosts AIS Literacy and Numeracy Action Project  
Student enrolment interviews 2018  
College Executive Meeting  
(Evening) 2018 Year 7 Information Meeting

**Thursday, 23**  
Student enrolment interviews 2018  
Junior Chapel  
(Evening) Mayoral Reception for HSC High Performers

**Friday, 24**  
WAC Secondary Swimming Carnival  
Student enrolment interviews 2018

**Saturday, 25**  
College Scholarship Tests

**MARK YOUR DIARY!**

**Sunday, 5 March**  
Thirlmere Festival of Steam

**Saturday, 18 March**  
Term 1 Working Bee (Please note change in date)

**Friday, 24 March**  
Term Service

**Friday, 7 April**  
Last day of Term 1
Thank God
- For those who fought and died to protect our freedom
- For the continued growth in enrolments at the College
- That He has blessed us abundantly with the calibre of new staff who have started in 2017

Ask God
- For continued patience as the building program takes shape
- To give the Archbishop wisdom as he navigates the burdens of office
- To bless the WACC church that meets in the College as they continue their progress towards autonomy as a stand-alone church serving our community

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity