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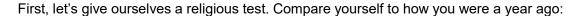


# THE WARATAH WEEKLY

# **Endless** is the Victory

#### **Grace Test**

OK - don't panic - you have not missed the scholarship applications date and I am not talking about our advanced learning class (the "Grace" class) here. There is a simple test, care of John Ortberg, that you can take and it will give you an estimate on your Grace. It is not a perfect test, but that's fine; our grace isn't perfect either. It is a self-scoring test and no one need see your answers.



- 1. I pray more (or less)
- 2. I swear less (or more)
- 3. I drink less (or more)
- 4. I gamble less (or more)
- 5. I give to the poor more (or less)
- 6. I take time to listen more (or less)
- My thoughts are more pure and honourable (or less)
- 8. I am immature less (or more)
- 9. I go to church more (or less)
- 10. I fight with my parents or spouse less (or more)

These are all worthy things and they become a checklist and a handy reference guide for all religions on Earth. They are what living is all about – except for Christians. We are told that these things are worthy, but the Bible also says that no checklist can save us. Rules like the 10 commandments are there to remind us that we are not perfect. They are not a guide on how to be perfect. They become a useful guide in "how now shall we live" given that the price for our salvation has already been paid. It can't be won or lost. We cannot make God love us more and we cannot make Him love us less.

So here is the Grace test, care of John Ortberg, that I promised in the opening paragraph. Compare yourself to how you were a year ago

- 1. Am I less pre-occupied with myself than I was?
- 2. Am I less threatened by criticism?
- 3. Am I less angry?
- 4. Has my need to be right diminished?
- 5. Are my relationships healthier?
- 6. Do I make sacrifices with more happiness?
- 7. Is my passion to know Jesus better, stronger?
- 8. Am I able to forgive?
- 9. Am I less controlling of others?
- 10. Can I admit that I am wrong?

**Ephesians 2:8-9:** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift

of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**James 4:6:** God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

**Romans 3:24:** And are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Jesus

It was God's Grace that saved us through the life and death of Christ, God's only Son. Nobody has the capability of earning such an unreasonable sacrifice on the slippery pole of any religious list. Who can deserve it? Who can ever earn it? That's just the point. It's not Grace if you earn it or if you deserve it.

Numbers 6:25: The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you





# **College Event Calendar - Term 3**

#### College

Saturday, 14 September Friday, 27 September

Country Fair Last Day of Term 3

**Primary** 

Monday, 23 September

Middle Formal Assembly

Secondary

Mon, 16 Sept - Mon, 23 Sept Monday, 23 September Wednesday, 25 September Thursday, 26 September Friday, 27 September Year 11 Exams
Middle Formal Assembly
Senior Formal Assembly
Year 12 Graduation Assembly
Talent Quest

Year 12 Formal (Evening)

# College Event Calendar - Term 4

#### College

Monday, 14 October

Saturday, 26 October Wednesday, 30 October First Day of Term 4
P&F Meeting (Evening)

O Day

14th Annual Golf Day or Ladies at the Green High Tea





#### Please Note:

A reminder to parents and grandparents; please DO NOT park in the designated "Staff Parking" Area in the corner near the Deakin Admin Building at any time.

Thank you

# COUNTRY FAIR - SATURDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER



# **Country Fair Scrumptious Cake Stall**

We are looking for donations to stock our cake stall for the Country Fair especially yummy homemade treats to go with a cuppa.



Donations could include:

Cupcakes, slices, cakes, biscuits, loaves, tarts, buns, coconut ice, toffees, chocolate crackles, toffee apples or any little sweet treat you think suitable (please choose recipes with no nuts)

Our preference is that donations be left at the College Office on Friday,13 September or if not possible bring to the stall on the morning of the Fair.

Don't forget our Cake Bake Competition entry forms which can be collected from Student Reception.

# Wristband Ticket Sales available for purchase in the Cafeteria near FLOWERS Canteen at the following days and times:

Friday, 13 September

7.50 am - 8.10 am & 2.00 pm - 2.45 pm

GalaBid

#### GalaBid Auction

This year our Silent & Main Auction will be run through GalaBid online.

You can view the items online at https://app.galabid.com/wacfair/items

Auction Opens Friday, 6 September and Closes Saturday, 14 September at 2.00 pm

Great prizes include Accommodation in Bali and Port Douglas, an adventure 'special ops' helicopter ride, rally car racing, memoriabilia to high teas, dance packs, books, family outings and much much more.

#### To register:

- 1. Text wacfair to 0447 447 549
- 2. Click on the Register tab
- 3. Enter in your mobile number, password and name,
- 4. You will receive a text with a link and the verification code.
- 5. To continue on the device, enter the verification code in the registration page and continue on your phone.
- 6. Please do not logout.

**Good Luck and Happy Bidding** 

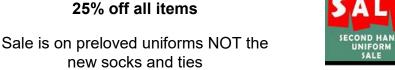
# The Clothing Pool will be open at the Country Fair!!

If you have any clean and usable Uniform Donations, please leave at the Clothing Pool during opening hours or at Student Reception.

If you can spare some time to help at the Clothing Pool on the day, please contact Melissa on 0415 402 013.



# Clothing Pool Sale 25% off all items







This year the Country Fair is running several Competitions for everyone to get involved



The Competitions this year are:

**Photo Competition** Entries are now closed. Judging is underway. The P&F

would like to thank everyone who entered the

competition and good luck.

Cake Bake Competition Don't forget to get your baking done over the next

Couple of days ready to enter the Cake Bake

Competition

Entries close 10.30 am Saturday, 14 September.

**Colouring in Competition** Entries are now closed. Thank you to all students who

participated in the competition and good luck.

Please collect your entry forms from Student Reception.

# 14th Annual Golf Day or Ladies High Tea at the Green High Tea

Venue: Camden Lakeside Country Club

Save This Date: Wednesday, 30 October

Contact: College Office - 02 4684 2577

# FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

#### Country Fair - The P&F Need You

The P&F are desperately short of volunteers for the Country Fair. Parents are needed to assist with a range of activities, particularly after lunch.

The students and staff are doing their bit to contribute to the Country Fair - student performances, Year 9 Commerce and the Hospitality students making and selling nachos and milkshakes, student Face Painting, Office Staff Cake Stall, primary classes creating cards for sale, staff volunteering for the Splash Bucket Challenge, photo and video competitions, set up, pack up and clean up.

There are over 600 families at the College. At each enrolment interview parents are amazed at the community feel of the College and most agree to contribute where they can. Some turn up on the day and offer support but, of course, this does not help with planning. We need people to commit to one to two hours of their time in advance to support the small group of dedicated parents on the P&F.

Please contact Judy Baxter on 0425 291 110 if you can assist.

#### Year 11 Subject Lines 2020

A number of Year 10 students have been interviewed regarding their subject choices and the subject lines for next year in Year 11. The majority of students received their highest preferences (85%). Some were disappointed either because subjects did not run due to low 'take up' or the combination of courses created clashes against the students preferred choices.

Once the student preferences have been entered, the timetabling software generates a result based on those preferences and the various combinations that exist between subjects. It will separate those course combinations that a large number of students wish to do. Typically, for example, Physics and Chemistry appear on separate lines because a large numbers of students will choose to do both. The final result or solution was arrived at after weeks of running different models with continuous fine tuning of the variables. The final outcome represents the best result for the greatest number of students, although certainly not perfect.

The outcome is below. The lines represent a block of 8 periods per fortnight that run on the timetable.

Line 1	Line 2	Line 3	Line 4	Line 5	Line 6	Offline
						(after school)
English Adv	Mathematics	Ancient	Earth & Environ	Chemistry	Biology	English Ext 1
		History	Science			
English Adv	Mathematics			Engineering	Business	Maths Ext 1
	- Standard	Community	Legal Studies	Studies	Studies	
English		& Family				TVET
Stand	Sport,	Studies	PDHPE	Hospitality	Dance	
	Lifestyle and					Distance
English	Recreation	Design &	Physics	Mathematics -	Indust. Tech.	Educ.
Stand		Tech		Standard	Furnishings	
	Visual Arts		Textiles &			
		Drama	Design	Modern	Indust. Tech.	
				History	Multi Media	
		Economics				
		Music		Society &		
				Culture		

#### PASTORAL CARE T-12

#### **Self Regulation**

In previous articles it has been mentioned about the College Educational Framework and a focus on specific areas of development for both staff and students. A reminder that one aspect of this framework is centred around self regulation.

Below is some information about the qualities of self regulators, with itself evident the importance of this being developed both for effective learning and character development.



The benefits of self regulation are numerous. In general, people who are adept at self regulating tend to see the good in others, view challenges as opportunities, maintain open communication, are clear about their intentions, act in accordance with their values, put forth their best effort, keep going through difficult times, remain flexible and adapt to situations, take control of situations when necessary, and can calm themselves when upset and cheer themselves when feeling down. (Cuncic 2019)

#### College Prefects 2019/2020

The College Prefects for 2019/2020 were recently announced at the Secondary Assembly.

Congratulations to the following students:

#### Girls

Flynn Noakes Iulitta Ng Mekdes Geist Bella Norman Holly Ray

#### **Bovs**

Kaleb Flower Alexander Biggs Nick Jefferys Matthew Grima Zach Napier



These students will receive their badges at the Senior Formal Assembly on Wednesday, 25 September.

The College Captains will also be announced at this time.

I would like to commend all students who applied for these positions. The quality of student applications was very high.

To those students who missed out on a leadership role on this occasion, I would like to encourage them to continue to seek out opportunities to engage in leadership here at the College.

Mr Liam Toland Director of Pastoral Care T-12

## PASTORAL MATTERS - SENIOR YEARS 9-12

#### **Max Potential Showcase Evening**

Students involved in the Max Potential program had the opportunity to present their projects at the Showcase Evening on Tuesday, 3 September at Campbelltown Catholic Club. The program runs over six months with one on one coaching, workshops and a focus on delivering a community service project to make a difference in the local region. Year 10 students presenting this year included Cooper Sharp, Monique McGuire and Jazmin Chamberlain.

Furthermore, Monique had the opportunity to deliver a 'student reflection' to the audience. For those who attended, it was a privilege to see the students engage with the audience and discuss their individual journeys with their mentors throughout the program.







#### **Years 9-10 Pastoral Care Seminar**

As a follow on from last term's program 'Beautiful?' (Self-Image, Identity, Respectful Relationships), Years 9-10 females have been working in small groups based on current issues they have identified as being significant to their health and well being. These include: Perceptions of Men, Expectations, Stereotypes, Comparisons, Body Image and Mental Health.

The aim of these sessions has been to **Identify and Investigate** the particular issue, **Inform** one another, and become **Inspired** to talk about their struggles, seek support, make connections and take action.

On Friday, 20 September (Week 8), our first ever 'Strong Girls Soar' Seminar will be held at the College during the morning session. Each of the groups will have the opportunity to creatively present important information and discuss aspects of the issue they have investigated. Through this program and event we hope that students will recognise the significance of their own voice, develop greater confidence in working with others and sharing their stories, and become empowered to support other females in their College community.

#### Year 12 Graduation

As the end of Term 3 draws near, special preparations are being made for our Year 12 students.

Week 9 will be a significant week of reflection, recognition and celebration. Some of the special events include:

- Senior Chapel Service
- Senior Formal Assembly Wednesday, 25 September
- Year 12 Morning Tea hosted by Year 11
- Staff vs Year 12 Students Oz Tag Game
- Year 12 Graduation Assembly Thursday, 26 September. 8.30 am start followed by a special morning tea for students, parents and their guests.
- Year 12 Formal Friday, 27 September

Students are reminded of College expectations regarding uniform and personal presentation. We appreciate parent support in ensuring necessary preparations are made and students maintain this in the final week.

We continue to uphold Year 12 in prayer as they study for their final exams, finish their time at WAC and make plans for the next stage of their lives.

#### **Vietnam Mission Trip 2020 - Applications**

A reminder that applications for the Vietnam Mission Trip 2020 were due to Student Reception by Wednesday, 11 September. This includes a completed 'Expression of Interest' form and initial instalment.

All further inquiries should be directed to e.madden@wac.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Emily Madden
Pastoral Care Coordinator 9-12

#### THE MAX POTENTIAL PROGRAM

Each year Wollondilly Anglican College gives students in Year 10 the opportunity to participate in the Max Potential Program. This year three Year 10 students were successful in being able to participate: Jazmin Chamberlain, Monique McGuire and Cooper Sharp. This incredible program which runs for approximately eight months, teaches leadership skills and thinking, goal setting, strategy skills and much more. During the program, students need to set Personal Goals, undertake and present a Personal Expression Project and create a Community Service Project that will leave a legacy and is then presented at the Showcase Evening.



Again this year, our students excelled with their performance and below is a description of each person's Community Service Project.

#### Jazmin Chamberlain

Jasmin set up a Pen Pal project called "Connecting Generations" where she had 10 of our Year 6 students write to 10 residents of the Queen Victoria Nursing Home. Not only did the students and residents write letters to one another, the students also went on an excursion to the Nursing Home to meet their Pen Pal.

#### Cooper Sharp

Cooper's Community Service Project titled "Friends Fight Depression" focused on Mental Health illness in teenagers. Cooper arranged for a guest speaker from 'Headspace' to visit the College to present to the students. He also orchestrated the donation of a park bench to be placed at the College as a place where students can sit to notify others they need to chat to someone.

#### **Monique McGuire**

Monique's Community Service Project titled "Plant a Bee Friendly Garden" aimed at educating others through running a Workshop on how important it is to increase our bee population for the sake of our environment. Monique approached the Wollondilly Shire Council and was given access to a garden plot at the Oaks and through donations of many bee friendly plants has created a beautiful bee friendly garden.

Congratulations to all these young adults on a job well-done! I personally was able to work as a Coach this year, which was a very worthwhile learning experience. Max Potential is a great program which I would recommend to others, either as a young adult participating as a Coachee, or to any adults who may wish to be a Coach.

Mrs Rhonda Hay Headmaster's Secretary



#### **TEACHING AND LEARNING 7-12**

#### ICT Use at the College

Information Communication Technologies (ICT) can be a powerful tool to support students learning. At Wollondilly the primary way we incorporate technology is through the Mytech program in which students bring their own devices to the College. In the most part students follow College expectations around these. It is however helpful to revisit these guidelines from time to time



- They are to use ICT Resources (including their person computer) for educational purposes only and as directed by the teacher
- Only access the Internet through the College proxy and filtering system
- Devices need to be fully charged at the start of each day. Students can use recess and lunch to charge their devices on the charging towers located in Johnson and Flynn
- Devices are only to be used during class time (not before Period 1 or during recess and lunch)
- Students should only view, listen to, or access College appropriate content, applications or programs on their device while at the College
- It is important to observe all Copyright laws
- Students should report any obscene or offensive material if it is encountered
- Understand that students' email and internet usage maybe audited at any time
- Students should only take photos, videos or voice recordings for educational purposes and as directed by the teacher
- Students should be checking their Edumate portal regularly to read daily broadcasts and other notifications

# Mr Paul Burns Director of Teaching and Learning 7-12







#### YEAR 10 2019 - YEAR 11 2020

The Senior Uniform Shop is open this Term.

All students in Year 10 2019 are required to try on a uniform and place an order at this time even if they are unsure of returning in Year 11 2020.

**Opening times:** Tuesdays 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm Wednesdays 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm

Where: Deakin Administration Building

Mrs Leanne Molluso Administration Assistant



#### PERFORMANCE NEWS

#### The Talent Quest

Talent Quest is set to be held on the last day of Term this year for students in Years 5-11. Students who would like to prepare an act for consideration will need to present their planned performance at lunchtime on Thursday, 12 September for our selection panel in the Johnson Studio. Students should bring any required equipment or backing tracks.



#### Musical BBQ

In celebration of the efforts of all those staff and students involved in this year's College Musical, We Will Rock You, a BBQ will be held at lunchtime on Friday, 20 September. Any student who performed, was part of stage crew, assisted with costume, played in the band or contributed to set design is invited to attend. At this time we will also officially announce the coming 2020 College Musical, with those who were involved this year being the first to hear!

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### Country Fair - Saturday, 14 September

As in years past we will have a number of our performance groups performing under the Shoulder to Shoulder Shelter this year. Please come along to support our performers.

#### **Performance Stage Running Order**

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os Session 1
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#### Stage Crew for End of Term Events

Stage Crew have had the opportunity to sign up to serve at end of Term events. There are still a few spaces, please see Mrs Talbot if you would like to assist with one of these events.

Family Chapel Country Fair	Friday, 6 September Saturday, 14 September	Abby M, Abby C, John, Zach S Liam B, Joe Z, Abby C, Annie, Georgie, Harry, Tom, John, Ewan
Middle Formal Assembly	Friday, 20 September	Joe, Liam B, Brock, Michael
Senior Formal Assembly	Wednesday, 25 September	Ewan, Harry, Tom, Georgie, Annie, Abby C
Year 12 Graduation Assembly Talent Quest	Thursday, 26 September Friday, 27 September	Annie, Ewan, Abby M Joe, Liam, Brock

**Mrs Sarah Talbot Performing Arts Coordinator T-12** 

## MUSIC AND THE BRAIN - WEEK 2

Continuing on from last week's article, this week is 'Hi Sir ... I forgot my music today!' A phrase I hear a lot in the Music classroom when it comes to performance based lessons. Here are two strategies I'd like to discuss this week to combat this debacle. Firstly, the skill of playing by memory prevents the need for music in front of you and it helps to have a profound understanding and internalisation of the music, thus helping to deliver the expressive qualities of a piece of music to the audience more freely and more effectively.



Students can begin to learn their pieces not just by playing the notes on the page, but by studying the score thoroughly. After time, the score becomes embedded in the brain, enough to practice without the instrument in front of them. Imagining to play the piece in unfamiliar settings (or for pianists, playing the piece on unfamiliar pianos) helps retrieve the music, avoiding the distracting surroundings and concentrating on the music itself. This is because 'as we learn, our senses are receptive to the immediate environment, and the information we want to store becomes associated and connected with the environment ... the more ways in which musical information can be encoded, the more likely one is to remember the material.' (Griffin, 2017)

I have encountered many people (not just at the College) but in a variety of settings that say 'I don't read music; I just play by ear.' An impressive skill I must say. One that I do not possess but strive to achieve. However, playing by ear can be a skill that is easily learnt and not an innate talent or attributed to fixed genetic ability. By grabbing a piece of music and deleting an odd note here or there and trying to fill it in, small passages at a time can help develop the skills of not only musical problem solving but aural recognition and development, an important skill in Music. This fortunately, is something I see a lot of in my music classes. Students are eager to work out a popular tune they have heard on the radio or on their Spotify playlists.

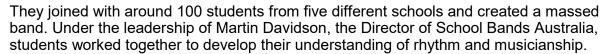
Experiment on your chosen instrument at home and work out that latest pop tune or TV jingle. Memorise your favourite song and then you too can play before family and friends at a moment's notice. Next week, 'I brought my music but not my instrument.'

Griffin, M. (2017). Learning Strategies for Musical Success. Music Education World, Adelaide.

Mr Lloyd Grant Acting Creative Arts and LOTE Coordinator

# **JUNIOR BAND JAM**

On Monday, 9 September, the Wollondilly Anglican College Junior Band travelled to Broughton Anglican College to attend Junior Band Jam.





The band learnt four pieces, that none of the students had previously played, and performed these to an extremely high standard at the night time concert.

Martin Davidson wanted students to do more than just remember what he said, he wanted them to learn it. He made students focus on the role of hearing, seeing and touching in learning something. We input things into our brain by using the five senses. He observed how valuable learning music is as a tool for helping kids to learn how to learn.

This was a great experience for all of the students who attended and they are to be commended for how they represented the College.

Mr Travis Coutts-Smith Primary Teacher

# LANGUAGE PERFECT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to our students who placed **4th out of 994 schools in the World for German!** This was an awesome team effort. Altogether our students earned 120,381 points and answered 303,329 questions. They received 30 Credits, 15 Bronze Awards, 9 Silver Awards, 2 Gold Awards, 3 Emerald Awards and 1 Elite Award.

A special mention goes to Year 11 German, as many were on the Gold Duke of Edinburgh hike for four days of the seven day competition without technology. Despite this many were still able to earn awards in the remaining few days of the competition. Their team spirit was really appreciated.

Mrs Carolyn Clark German Teacher

## **FAMILY CHAPEL**

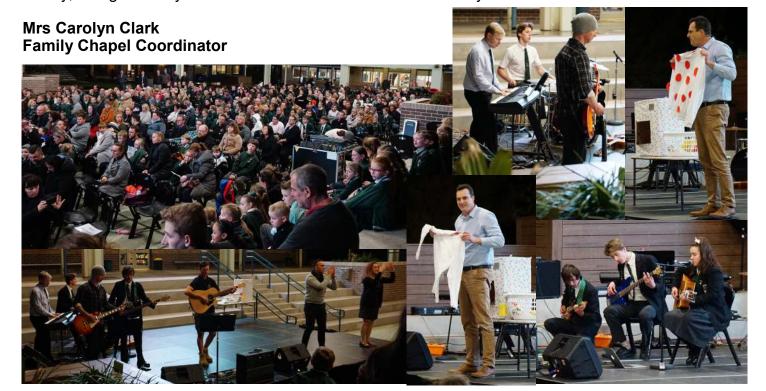
Thank you to all our families who braved the elements to learn more about God at our Family Chapel on Friday evening. Despite the weather conditions there was a warm atmosphere in the Deakin rooms and the College Cafeteria as people enjoyed their P&F supplied dinner. It was great to see our students and parent body working together.

During the service we were entertained magnificently by Stage 1 and Year 12. In addition, the Staff Band led us in singing two action songs, which helped us all stay a bit warmer under the Shoulder to Shoulder Shelter.

Our guest speaker spoke about Jesus healing a leper and reminded us that good works won't buy our salvation. Like the leper we need forgiveness and like the leper, Jesus is the only one who can offer us salvation.

Thanks also to our Year 12 students who helped run our service. We wish them well as they leave the College and prepare for their HSC examinations.

Finally, a huge thank you to those who donated to our Wollondilly Cares Food Drive.



#### **TAS News**

#### Year 11 Hospitality

Year 11 Hospitality students did an amazing job on Thursday, 5 September, when they catered for over 400 Grandparents who visited the College. The students were involved in light finger food refreshments that were served at the College, and through this exercise they have learnt important skills in catering, food presentation, time management and working together as a team.



The food they made included: Thai Chicken sausage rolls, Berry muffins, Orange and poppy seed muffins, Mexican bites, Pesto palmiers, Fruit platters, Bacon and Chive tartlets, Sushi, and open sandwiches. Many thanks also to Mrs Cochrane who assisted and to Mr Gregory who also came in to help the students get the required quantity of food out in the timeframe.









#### Year 12 Industrial Technology

A huge congratulations to Year 12 2019 and their classroom teacher Mr Cassidy as they presented and finished their major project work in Industrial Technology for marking. A team of markers from NESA arrived at the College on Thursday to mark the students' work.

It is quite a stressful time for the Year 12 students as many months and hard work had been put into not only their practical work but also their written portfolio. The students' work is currently on display in the

Flynn IRC and I would strongly encourage you to check out what the students' have produced. Below is a brief summary. Included below

Kye Stanley manufactured a Tasmanian Blackwood and Oak TV sideboard that fits the period decor of his home. He incorporated a detailed shaped plinth and hand cut dovetailed drawers.





Tim Nelson produced a high quality jewellery box using pig skin leather and exotic timbers with hand shaped handles and concealed hinges.



Natalie Mifsud constructed a bedside table out of Tasmanian Oak that incorporated a lift up table top.

Flynn Griffiths challenged himself with a coffee table with a poured resin top and suspended double action drawer with hand cut blind dovetails.

#### TAS News Continued



Aaron McIntosh created and designed a cabinet for his mother to hold jewellery and fashion accessories with dovetailed and panelled drawers.



Mitch Rockwell constructed a large cabinet out of jarrah veneer and solid timber to store all his fishing gear, with it also doubling as a rod holder out of jarrah veneer and solid timber.

Year 12 Industrial Technology Furnishings have found the HSC course challenging and have been taken outside their comfort zone. They have all risen to the challenge and exceeded all expectations. Well done



Mrs Kelly Evans TAS Coordinator

#### LIBRARY NEWS

#### Scholastic Book Fair

Another very successful Book Fair wrapped up this week. The Book Fair is always a big hit on Grandparents' Day and this year was no exception. The students also have a wonderful time browsing the books during Lunch 2 and the Fair is a great fundraiser for our College Libraries. Our surprise visitor was Clifford the 'Big Red Dog' and 'The Cranky Bear' was still hibernating for the winter! Clifford made an appearance on Grandparents' Day, visited Kindergarten Library lessons and was out and about around the College throughout the week.

Thank you from our WAC Library Staff to everyone who visited the Book Fair during the week.

# Mrs Justine Colombo College Librarian











#### WRITER OF THE WEEK

# ❤₩ I Miss Her Beautiful Smile 🕏 ₩ 😘

I miss her, her beautiful smile, the way she could brighten up your day or the way she would talk to you with her soft voice.

It's like I can still see her weak body lying there on the hospital bed, the dark circles under her eyes. The way she loved her family and the way she always had hope. She always had hope, even in the worst of times. She thought she would get better, but then there was a time, it hit her that there was nothing else to do but carry on. A balancing act between the line of progress and decline.

A few weeks later she found out she had one week left. When I found out, I thought it was a dream. I hoped and wished that this wasn't true and that maybe there was something else the doctors could do.

I spent the next week there with her everyday. She always told me that she loved me and I always said it back. I would go home and cry at the thought that she would leave me, but I never really thought about what would happen when she really did leave.

The next few days felt like it was less than an hour. When she would fall asleep, I would sit there and think about what would happen if she didn't wake up, what if I didn't get to say goodbye.

It was finally the day, the day I would have to take in the very last bit of her beautiful smile and her calm voice. I didn't want this to happen, didn't want her to die.

A few hours later it finally happened. She died. The last thing she told me was to have hope and to always be strong like she was and that she loved me. I got home and cried. I cried, cried and cried. People told me they were sorry but it felt like they were lying.

A week later it was her funeral. All those people sitting in the church loved her just as much as I did. I wore a black dress that she loved on me. She told me I looked like a princess in black. By the time the service started, it finally Hit me that she was gone. What she told me kept on coming back to me. I put her favourite flower, a sunflower on top of her casket. I kissed the flower and whispered that I loved her. I walked up to the altar, everybody staring. As I started telling everybody what she meant to me, it happened, I cried so hard that my head throbbed.

I went home and slept the rest of the day. I woke up with my eyes swollen. The grief of the family was just so sad.

So make sure you love as hard as you can.

By Sarah Franco Camara - Year 7

Mrs Wendy Croger English Coordinator



#### SECONDARY SPORT

#### MISA Term 3 Champions

This week we had three teams playing off for the MISA West Championship.

Congratulations to the Year 7 and Year 8 Netball side who comfortably won their final 25-5 to be named MISA West Champions. It was a fantastic season for the side who now remain undefeated for the past two years, and only conceded a few goals the entire season! The Girls' side will now play in next week's Interzone Final.



#### **MISA Finals**

Along with the three teams playing off for the MISA Championship, we also had our other five sides playing off for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the finals. In AFL the Boys' team had a convincing 91 point win, whilst in the Girls' match it was a heartbreaking 1 point loss! In Cricket the Boys' team restricted Broughton to 59 runs thanks to some great tactics in the field but unfortunately couldn't chase down the total with the bat. The Year 9 and Year 10 Netball side also had a three point loss whilst the Girls' Soccer team managed a 1-1 draw in their match.

Unfortunately, both Boys' Soccer teams had losses this week to end the season.

#### **AICES Athletics**

On Monday, 9 September we had 23 students attend the AICES Athletics Championships at Sydney Olympic Park. We had some fantastic results on the day, securing six Gold, six Silver and two Bronze Medals. Kirra Bennett-Smith ended with three Gold and one Silver and was named Age Champion, Grace Meier-Kapavale took two Gold whilst Zoe Daniels finished with one Gold and one Silver along with breaking the AICES Discus record.

In total eight students have qualified across 14 events for the CIS Championships which will be held in Week 9.

#### **Term 4 MISA Trials**

In Week 9 we will be holding our Term 4 MISA Trials. Students MUST sign up for these trials from Wednesday - Friday of Week 8 if they wish to be involved. The options available are:

Girls	Boys
7-9 Softball	7-9 Indoor Cricket
7-9 AFL	7-9 AFL
7-9 OzTag	7-9 OzTag
10/11 Volleyball	10/11 Volleyball
10/11 Frisbee	10/11 Frisbee

Mr Mark Goldsbrough Secondary Sports Coordinator

#### **Upcoming Events**

Tuesday, 24 September CIS Athletics

Tuesday, 24 September Term 4 MISA Trials



#### PRIMARY SPORT

#### **IPSSO Finals - 3 Champions!**

On Wednesday the College had our four winners from the Southern IPSSO group take part in the IPSSO finals.

The Newcomb Ball team dominated their semi-final winning against Georges River, two sets to nil. They consistently demonstrated the skills they have developed and their positive attitudes helped them to progress to the final. Unfortunately, in the final, they lost a very tight first set that could have gone either way, 25-21. In the second set, Macarthur Anglican raced away to an early 15 point lead that just could not be caught.

The Stage 2 AFL team did not look troubled in their first game against William Carey. They won their semi-final 79 points to nil. The team headed into the final motivated and focused. It was a much tighter games against Broughton. At no time did more than 6 points split the two teams. The Wollondilly team's marking and tackling proved to be the difference and secured their victory, 23-19.

The Stage 3 AFL team also took on William Carey in their semi final. They raced away to a 46 point lead after two quarters and comfortably registered a win, 61-14. The final was played against Thomas Hassall. It was a really tight game. The teams went point for point. The students gathered themselves together in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and started tackling and marking like they have been in their undefeated season. They took a four-point lead into the final quarter. Thomas Hassall hung on to stay within six points and with the final kick of the game they secured a draw. Both teams were crowned IPSSO champions.

The Stage 2 Netball team entered the day confident, backed by an undefeated season. They beat their semi final opponents, Thomas Hassall, 19-4 and never looked in trouble. The Girls' side played their final against Mount Annan. They comfortably finished off a fantastic year, winning 15-8. The girls side played hard and fair. They knew their roles in the team and worked really hard for each other, a well deserved victory. Topping off their 14 game winning streak!

#### **IPSSO Uniforms**

The winter IPSSO season has now concluded. Uniforms should be washed and returned to the students' coaches before the end of the term.

#### **NSW Orienteering Champion**

Congratulations to Ailie Carroll, in Year 4, who won the Girls under 10 NSW Orienteering School's Championships held in the Southern Highlands at the weekend.

# Mr Stuart Houweling Primary Sport Coordinator











#### INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

There is now an updated guide for the Parent Portal. Many thanks to the Systems and Processes team at TASC for producing this.

To view the guide, please go to the following page on the College website under related links https://www.wac.nsw.edu.au/parents.

Mr Geoff Adams Business Manager

# CARPARKS CLOSURE FRIDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER

Due to the Country Fair amusement rides being set up on Friday, 13 September, The Visitor, Staff and Front carpark will be closed to all vehicles from 10.00 am.

Please remove your vehicle before then or if you are here all day, please park elsewhere.

Mr Fred Schroder Property Manager

# INFORMATION FROM THE COLLEGE NURSE

Mrs Sally Lloyd College Nurse

# **Whooping Cough**

We have had a confirmed case of Whooping Cough in our College.

Children receive their immunisation for Whooping Cough from six weeks of age with course completion at four years of age. The booster is then given in Year 7. Although the vaccination is not 100% effective, immunised children are less likely to catch it. Adults can also be given the Whooping Cough Booster with their Tetanus vaccination or on its own. For more information please consult your GP. Please see below link on Whooping Cough by Sydney Children's Hospital.

https://www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/files/factsheets/whooping cough-en.pdf







## SCHOLARSHIPS 2021/2022

I am delighted to advise that the Wollondilly Anglican College Scholarship Program is now open for academic and creative arts scholarships commencing in 2021.

The College Headmaster may award a number of scholarships offering partial fee remission for each year in the areas of Academic, Music and Dance. Most scholarships will be awarded for two years and are conditional on the continuation of the relevant criteria being met. They will be available to students currently enrolled at the College or from other schools.



Students who are studying in Years 6, 8 and 10 in 2020 may apply for a scholarship as they enter their next stage of learning.

#### **Application Process for Scholarships**

#### Academic Scholarships

- Complete the scholarship application form and return it to the Development Officer, Mrs Kristy Biddle with the supporting portfolio.
- Complete the online application with ACER at https://scholarships.acer.edu.au. (Parents will need to create a Parent Account, from which they can register their child for the scholarship test at Wollondilly Anglican College. A \$100.00 application fee is also payable to ACER as part of the registration process)
- For Academic candidates, be available to complete the scholarship test on Saturday, 29 February 2020.

#### **Music and Dance Scholarships**

- Parents should complete the scholarship application form and return it to the Development Officer, Mrs Kristy Biddle with the supporting portfolio.
- Music/Dance scholarships need to be accompanied by a scholarship application processing fee of \$100.00.
- Short listed students will be required to audition before a panel at a later date to be confirmed. There will
  not be an additional audition fee.

Applications opened on Tuesday, 3 September 2019 and will close on Friday, 7 February 2020. The closing date is final and late applications cannot be accepted.

A comprehensive information pack and application form is available for download from the College website. 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 2722 or at k.biddle@wac.nsw.edu.au.

# **APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT**

Applications continue to pour in for 2020 and beyond across all year groups, but especially our entry years of Transition, Kindergarten, Year 7 and Year 11. All current College families looking to enrol siblings for the coming years are encouraged to do so without delay to avoid disappointment.

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

# STUDENTS LEAVING AT THE END OF 2019

If your child will not be attending the College in 2020, please give written notice by the end of Term 3 so that your bond may be returned and to avoid Term 1, 2020 fees and charges, as per agreed in the Terms and Conditions of Enrolment.

Mrs Kristy Biddle Development Officer

## 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. The WACCares Program offers practical support such as meals for families. Please contact Mrs Hay at the College, to assist. Confidentiality will be respected when requested.

#### A Family Show - You'll never guess where I hid the cheese

When: Saturday, 14 September

Where: Wollondilly Library Cost: \$5.00 per person

For more information, please contact 4677 8300 or go to choochootroupe.com/cheese

#### Supervising a Learner Driver Workshop

Council is holding an information night specifically for parents/supervisors of learner drivers to help parents who are teaching learners to drive.

The 2 hour information session will provide practical advice about:

- Current laws for L & P licence holders
- Tips for supervising learner drivers
- Completing the Learner Driver Log Book
- Benefits of supervised on-road driving experience for learners
- Low risk driving
- Teaching someone to drive and that it be a happy experience

The workshop will be held on Thursday, 19 September, 2019 at 6.30 pm.

Venue: The Oaks

Seniors Hall (behind Community Hall), 13 Russell St, The Oaks.

For further information or to book your place contact Council on 4677 1100 or email roadsafety@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

#### Kids@Mac Narnia Party!

Where: Mittagong Anglican Church When: Tuesday, 24 September

Time: 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm Cost: \$3.00 per person Ages: 4 Years to Year 4

An afternoon of games, craft, pizza, a puppet show, and more! Please come dressed up as a character from Narnia. All leaders at Kids@Mac are Safe Ministry Trained.

#### School Holiday Football Clinics

Week 1 - (Monday, 30 September - Thursday, 3 October)

Week 2 - (Tuesday, 8 October - Thursday, 10 October)

Cost - \$95.00 per person

More information, visit www.footballsouthcoast, email office@footballsouthcoast or call 4285 6929

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## **Diamond Sponsor**

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#### **Gold Sponsors**

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Thank you to our Diamond, Double Gold, Gold and Silver Sponsors shown above. We also thank our Bronze Sponsors who will be advertised on the College website on the Sponsors' Page along with the above. If you would like to sponsor the College, please contact Mr Bill Norman (P&F President) or Mrs Deborah Cook in the College office.

PETF ... friendraising and fundraising

#### Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool has a variety of good quality used clothing for sale at reasonable prices. Also available for purchase is a selection of new socks and ties!

#### Opening Hours

Monday 7.45 am - 8.30 am 7.45 am - 8.30 am Tuesday 7.45 am - 8.30 am Friday

White Cottage - side windows opposite FLOWERS Canteen.

If you can spare an hour in the morning to volunteer at the Clothing Pool, please contact Melissa on 0415 402 013. It is a great way to meet other parents and save a few dollars.

The Clothing Pool is part of the P&F with all funds raised going towards the College.

Mrs Melissa Whishaw **P&F Clothing Pool Coordinator** 

# P&F...friendraising and fundraising



# Term 3, 2019

# **Country Fair is this Saturday!**

Wollondilly Anglican College Country Fair is on this Saturday, 14 September from 10.00 am - 3.00 pm.

We would love you to contribute to the success of this year's Country Fair by donating an hour of your time setting up, on the day and packing away., it is NOT too late.

Contact Judy Baxter P&F Country Fair Volunteer Coordinator on 0425 291 110 *or* <u>judyandgavin@hotmail.com</u>. Forms can be collected from Student Reception and placed in the P&F letterbox.

Dates and times we require assistance are:

Friday, 13 September 12.00 pm - 4.00 pm Saturday, 14 September 8.00 am - 5.00 pm

If you can donate one hour of your time it would be greatly appreciated https://www.facebook.com/Wollondilly-Anglican-College-Country-Fair-2018-2098463290442962/

#### White Elephant Stall Dates and Times for Donation Collections

Thursday, 12 September 2.30 pm Friday, 13 September 8.10 am

Find me in the BACK car park at the far end behind Cuthbert (new Primary building next to Fred's Shed).

Also donations of plastic bags and boxes would be much appreciated.

I will have a sign on my car for White Elephant Stall. I can do pick up if necessary. Contact Kerstin 0403 104 207 or kerstin\_king@hotmail.com

#### **Purchase Your Wristbands now for the Country Fair**

# \$25.00 pre paid

\$35.00 on the day

On the day ticket prices are:

Rides \$5.00 each
Camel Rides \$10.00 each
Pony rides \$5.00 each

#### Wristbands include:

Dodgem Cars
 Round Up
 Giant slide
 Tiger Castle

3. Gladiator Dual 9. Children's Chair o Plane

4. Soccer Shoot Out 10. Sizzler

5. Tea Cups6. Rock climbing wall11. Pony & Camel Rides12. Human Hippo Challenge

There are two easy ways to purchase either fill out the form and return with money, card details or jump online at <a href="https://www.trybooking.com">www.trybooking.com</a> collect on the day



# **HEADMASTER HAPPENINGS**

#### September

Thursday, 12 WAC Cares Presentation at Thirlmere

Parliamentary Committee Visit to WAC

Junior Chapel

Student Enrolment Interviews 2020

Friday, 13 Prince Harry and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Presentation to WAC Students

(Sydney)

Saturday, 14 College Country Fair

Monday, 16 Student Enrolment Interviews 2020

College Website DVD Day

HICES Teleconference - Planning for 2020 Conference

Tuesday, 17 Staff Interviews 2020

Wednesday, 18 Student Enrolment Interviews 2020

College Executive Meeting

(Evening) College Council meeting

Thursday, 19 Student Enrolment Interviews 2020

Junior Chapel

Friday, 20 Musical Lunch and Announcement of 2020 Musical

Middle Chapel

Student Enrolment Interviews 2020



# MITTAGONG ANGLICAN CHURCH

Contact: Children's Minister Rochelle Fussell, 0439 455 005 or <u>rf@mittang.com.au</u>. All leaders in Follow and Kids@Mac have Working With Children Checks, and are trained in accordance with Safe Ministry Guidelines. All our groups run during school Terms.

Children in K-4 are welcome to attend Kids@Mac: a fun afterschool club at Mittagong Anglican Church.

When: Runs every Tuesday Time: 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm.

Cost \$3.00 per Week/\$20.00 per Term (with family discounts).

Come along for games, craft, songs, afternoon tea, stories and more! This term our theme is "The Lion the Witch & the Wardrobe" so join us in a Narnian adventure.

# **CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN WOLLONDILLY**

Everybody is welcome to attend our Service on Sunday at 9.00 am. We would love to see your family there.

Facebook@christchurchwollondilly www.christchurchwollondilly.com PO Box 43, Bargo

Reverend Stephen Swanepoel

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# PRETEND HEADMASTERS



Pretend Headmasters - Lachlan Morris (KJ) and Xavier Thompson (KJ) are excited for our Annual Country Fair this Saturday, 14 September.

Come along, bring your posse and join in the fun! Yee-haw!

#### **Prayer Points**

#### We Thank God:

- For His Grace
- That eternity is not won on a performance treadmill
- For Jesus and his redeeming sacrifice: one for all.

#### We Ask God:

- To help us be more gracious to each other
- For His blessing over our Country Fair
- That he will give us wisdom over the staff appointments for 2020

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.

