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THE WARATAH WEEKLY

Begin with the End in Mind

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Field, the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place: and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow. Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



The poppy is the most obvious visual symbol for Remembrance Day which took place today Wednesday, 11 November. It grew on the battlefields of Western France during the First World War I and was immortalised in John MacRae's poem In Flanders Fields.

It is a reminder of those who died on those battlefields but at the same time, like the cross, it is a symbol of life and hope emerging from a place of darkness and horror.

There is a strong connection between hope and wisdom. Without hope, we struggle to stay the course, and we make foolish, impulsive mistakes. We are at times faced with a world of hate, violence, death, anger and negativity.

Jesus provides hope - a different way of viewing things and a gift that is freely given to us, despite it coming as a great cost to Him. All we have do is accept it. With hope, we discover stamina and perseverance we didn't know we had, and we are able to slow ourselves down and move beyond our fear to the choices that bring life. We are able to connect with people, build community, show love, compassion, kindness and justice.

(Geraldine Clarkson, Picton Uniting Church)





FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY'S DESK

Professional Development Days

The November Professional Development (PD) days provide a great opportunity for staff to take a step back from classroom teaching and undertake some mandatory PD in areas such as Anaphylaxis and Child Protection. Staff will also be using this time to plan for 2021 and the NESA inspection that occurs in all Independent Schools every five years. We trust the extra two day break for students will allow them to recharge their batteries for a final push to the end of the year.



Peter Hazlewood Memorial Garden

When students return to the College on Monday, they may notice a new tree and plaque in the garden outside of the Deakin classrooms. The tree has been planted as a memorial to Mr Hazlewood and was specifically chosen to reflect his character. The strong and rough bark that will develop in time, speak to his masculinity and strength. The soft leaves reflect his gentle, caring heart and love of Christ that he shared with many of us.

Mr Paul Burns Acting Deputy Headmaster

CREATIVE ARTS NEWS/LANGUAGE NEWS

MADDD Night - Postponed

In years past we have held a MADDD (Music, Art, Dance, Drama and Deutsch) Night at the College to showcase all of the work being completed in classes across all of the Secondary Creative Arts and Languages subjects.



This year COVID-19 restrictions have forced us to develop an alternative plan. We hope to launch a MADDD Night website. However, we have now delayed the launch to allow for improvements to be made to the final site. Once launched, the website will be accessed via a link on the College website and will be available for one week. Please check next week's Waratah Weekly for further information.

Instrument Return

Parents of Year 4 students will have received a notification via the Edumate Parent App regarding instrument return/renewal. This requires parents to complete a survey on behalf of their child. Please consult the notifications received for further instructions.

Year 6 students will return their instruments in their normal Primary Band lesson over the coming weeks.

Mrs Sarah Talbot Acting Creative Arts Coordinator T-12



There has been a confirmed case of **Chicken Pox** within our Junior Years.



For more information, please refer to the following link from Sydney Children's Hospital.

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

ACTING PASTORAL CARE T-12

Learning For Life at Wollondilly - Cared for and Caring

'Pride in Belonging' is a core distinctive of the College, a value which we aim to promote and instill across our student body. Students are encouraged to care for each other, demonstrate kindness and be respectful in their interactions with staff and their peers.

There are many opportunities for students to develop their skills and model these important values through various positions of leadership and responsibility. In particular, the roles of Transport Monitor, Peer Support Leader, and Primary, Middle or Senior Years Captain.

Transport Monitors

The following senior students have been selected as a Transport Monitor for the remainder of Term 4, 2020 to 2021. Within this role, the Transport Monitor will be attentive to what is occurring during travel time, communicate any issues to relevant staff and will provide support when necessary. There will be an opportunity this Term for the Transport Monitors to visit junior classes to introduce themselves and talk about their role.

Rory Sweeney Abby Cupitt Josiah Smiltnieks Leigh Birman Kaeley Gardner Lily Moore Georgie Butcher Klarisza Ricciarelli	Joshua Croft Samuel Williams Lachie Brown Olwyn Schluter Hayley Underwood Leila Goosen Taylah Apps Taylor Fletcher	Hagen Bossie Maya Bennett Joseph Darby Teri Hemmert Lily Tutt Harry Waddell Noah Ross Chelsea Luppino	Pamela Stanton Reanna Thornton Hugh Whishaw Rebecca Mills Bella-Rose Walker Ashlyn Griffiths Tyler Hopkins Amy Luxford

Peer Support Leaders

A group of Year 9 students have expressed their interest and been selected to participate in a two-day workshop at the College, focusing on the role of Peer Support Leader in 2021. The Peer Support program runs throughout Term 1 and involves supporting Year 7 students as they transition into the Secondary years. During the workshop, students will learn about personal characteristics, leadership qualities, communication skills and strategies for dealing with group activities. In previous years, this has been a very successful program and we look forward to continuing this for 2021.

Primary, Middle and Senior Years Captains

The nomination and selection process for Primary, Middle and Senior Years Captains 2021 is well underway. It has been encouraging to see so many male and female students put themselves forward for this leadership position. The process has involved students reflecting on their individual strengths, and presenting ways in which they would serve and represent the College, in this role, if granted the opportunity. Both staff and particular year groups have the opportunity to vote for a male and female candidate. Primary, Middle and Senior Years Captains will be announced during the Formal Assemblies at the end of the Term.

Well done to all the student nominees!

Welcome College Captain Ethan Schultz

To the stalwart reader of this week's edition of the Waratah Weekly, my name is Ethan Schultz, and I am the male College Captain for the rest of this year and most of next! I love all things creative, like music, film and literature. I am a drummer, and have been for the past 9-ish years. I often spend my free time reading, or listening to music having started down the rabbit hole of collecting records. If I could draw I definitely would, but I simply don't have the patience! I came to this College around this time last year, and every single day I feel God's blessing in my life because of it. All of the teachers here obviously care for both the wellbeing and success of their students; and it is evident in the lesson plans, and thoughtful observations they make on our work. But as a Christian, it is the gospel-rich preparation of the inevitability of life in and through the world to our eventual departure, which sets this College apart in my eyes. My Prefect



Portfolio is Christian Leadership, which would entail (in a less pandemic world), visiting every Chapel and Christian group; as well as contributing in Christian Studies lessons, and relational evangelism. However, sadly, to avoid 'cross-year-group-contamination' I'm limited to the Senior Precinct. I am extremely excited about the prospect of serving this College, and the community in 2021, and I hope for many opportunities to serve Christ and his Church in the years beyond!

PASTORAL MATTERS - EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

Positive Ways to Use Screen Time

Before the pandemic, electronic media use was already the most popular leisure-time activity for 7-18 year olds, and the Pandemic has meant that children's screen time has increased. Some estimates say that children are now spending 50% more time in front of screens since the start of Pandemic. This has been essential for all of us in coping with the Pandemic, allowing us to work from home, attend the College from home, and maintain relationships with family and friends, but it may also have a long-term impact on the development of children if not monitored properly.



A recent study shows how much using electronic media can impact a child's development. The study looked at children's daily amount of screen time (watching TV, using a computer, or playing video games) and how it impacted their academic performance. It found that watching TV for two hours a day or using a computer for one hour a day had an impact on academic performance. Interestingly, no links were found between playing video games and children's academic performance.

It is important to remember that not all screen time is created equal. In the above study, watching a TV and using a computer were found to have an impact on performance, while playing video games had no impact. What differentiates these activities? One possible explanation for this is that watching TV is a passive activity, meaning that there is no real input needed from someone during the activity. Video games, however, are active, requiring the person playing them to use a number of skills (including problem solving, fine motor skills, and some social interactions) to progress.

As technology continues to evolve, it is important to understand the positive effects that technology can have. A phrase that has become popular recently is 'positive screen time'. This means using screen time (which is almost inevitable these days) as a way to teach children new skills and concepts, as well as developing relationships with children and people around you. Some ways to turn screen time into positive screen time are:

- Technology doesn't have to be consumed independently. Setting aside some time to watch
 shows or play video games together is a great opportunity for family bonding. Studies also show
 that by just having a parent watching a show with them, kids are more likely to pay attention to
 the show, and get more from any lessons the show is trying to present.
- Some apps and games incorporate exercise and physical activities. Some of these apps use
 AR (Augmented Reality) to encourage you to explore the world around you, while others use
 special accessories to promote physical activity (eg the Nintendo Switch). Taking advantage of
 these will promote physical health while still keeping people engaged.
- Screen time can teach kids great independence skills. If they have a question that no one knows the answer to, they can look for that information online. If they want to learn a new skill, they can search for tutorials and how-to videos.

Source: https://www.theconversation.com/

Mr Mitchell Barnes Educational Psychologist

Do you need to make a payment to the College??

Due to the new COVID-19 restrictions, we would like to encourage you to make payments over the phone via credit card for College fees, replacement diaries etc.

Please call the office between 8.00 am - 4.30 pm on 4684 2577.

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Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12

The College Headmaster is inviting apply thous for the following roles to commence 2 2021

TAS Worksh Assistant

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Part Time - 1 day per week (Term Time)

For more information go to: www.wac.nsw.edu.au/about-us/leadership-staff/employment

Closing Date: Sunday, 15 November 2020

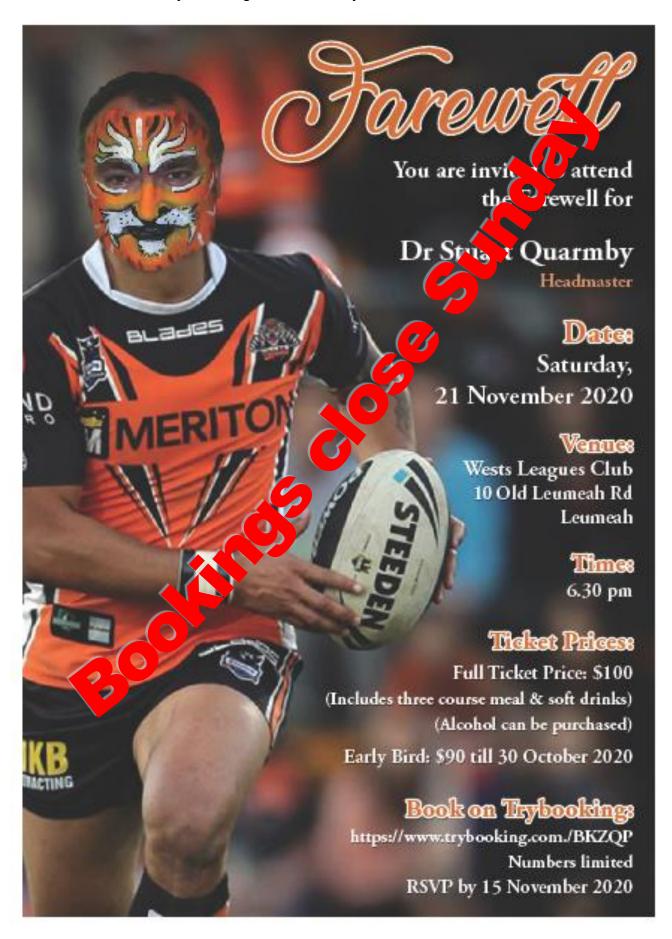
In accordance with Child Protection legislation, preferred applicants will be subject to employment screening

FAREWELL FOR DR STUART QUARMBY - SATURDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2020

It is Happening!

Parents and Alumni students are invited to attend the Farewell Dinner for Dr Stuart Quarmby.

Limited Numbers so book early! Bookings close Sunday, 15 November 2020.



YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION TO WOOGLEMAI **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE**

On Wednesday, 25 November students in the Year 7 Grace and Faith classes will travel to the Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre as part of their Stage 4 Geography studies.

The aim of the day is to allow students to investigate the Nattai National Park, a part of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage listed area. They will use a variety of techniques to conduct Fieldwork Studies of the area and explore how human impact has caused a number of species to become threatened.

Permission notes have been electronically distributed to Parents/Caregivers. Please give your permission via the WAC Parent Portal App immediately.

IMPORTANT: If your child is not intending to participate in this activity, could you please select "NO' on the permission and provide an explanation in the notes section of the WAC Parent Portal App.

Important information:

- Leaving at 9.10 am and returning by 2.30 pm
- Wear full summer sports uniform (including cap)
- Bring College diary, stationery
- NO canteen facilities available so BRING all food and drink
- Cost is included in the College Service Fee

Mrs Trudy Miller Secondary Teacher

YEAR 7AND YEAR 8 HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE INCURSION

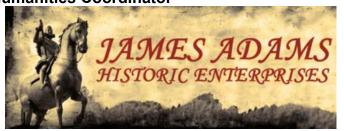
On Wednesday, 18 November, students in Year 7 and Year 8 will see a historical performance as part of their Stage 4 History studies.

The performance for Year 7 will focus on the ancient civilisations of Rome and China, and the Year 8 show will cover the medieval time period. The aim of the day is to give students an interactive experience and consolidate their learning in Stage 4.

Important information:

- Students will be directed to the relevant performance on the day by teaching staff
- Year 7 Periods 2 and 3
- Year 8 Periods 4 and 5
- Please pack for a normal College day for other lessons
- Cost is included in the College Service Fee

Mr Jay Hart **Humanities Coordinator**









LIBRARY NEWS

Years 3-6 Book Week Competition Winners!

Years 3-6 have been taking part in Book Week Competitions this Term during Library Lessons and the winners have finally been announced.

Congratulations to the following students.

Year 3 used oil pastels on black cardboard to create artwork based on the book *Little Bird's Day* by Sally Morgan, Illustrated by Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr

Winner Karman Saroya

Year 4 did a watercolour based on the book Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall

Winner Erin Brown

Year 5 did a collage based on the book Searching for Cicadas by Lesley Gibbes & Judy Watson

Winner Jessica Mallam

Year 6 created iMovie Book Trailers to promote the book *Yahoo Creek: an Australian mystery* by Tohby Riddle

Winners Ashton Jones and Max Lennox

The winners were awarded book prizes.

Mrs Justine Colombo College Librarian

Mrs Kathrine Frost Primary Teacher















EQUESTRIAN NEWS

Jenquine Schoolies Champs, Sydney International Equestrian Centre - Thursday, 26 November - Sunday, 29 November

Thursday, 26 November Show Horse Friday, 27 November Dressage Saturday, 28 November Eventing Sunday, 29 November Jumping

Entries close Thursday, 12 November.





Interschool Equestrian Championship at Berry, Saturday, 19 December - Sunday, 21 December

Berry Equestrian Centre, Schofields Lane, Berry

Disciplines Dressage, Hacking, Showjumping, Sporting, Hunter, Handler and Hack

Enter via Nominate Entries close Wednesday, 25 November.

Enquiries to BRC Secretary, Judy Sweeney jasiiy@bigpond.net.au or 0410 506 143

If you are planning on competing in either or both events register on Nominate, then complete a College Waiver Form. Once we have the waiver we can sort out the equestrian uniform for you.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Miss Stacey Baker Equestrian Coordinator





DRESSAGE. HACKING, SPORTING,
SHOWJUMPING, HUNTER

ENTER NOW VIA NOMINATE

BERRY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, 50 SCHOFIELDS LANE, BERRY
No camping on site. Camping available at Berry Showground

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2020

SECONDARY SPORT

Years 7-9 Pool Day

As mentioned in last week's Waratah Weekly the Years 7-9 Pool Day will go ahead on Wednesday, 9 December. The modified format is still being finalised but I look forward to a fun day to culminate what has been an extraordinary year!

More details will be distributed to students and parents/carers over the coming weeks so watch this space.



2021 House Captains

Year 10 students are reminded to submit their 2021 House Captain nomination form. These have been emailed out to all students. As it is an online nomination, the nominations will remain open until 2.00 pm, Friday, 13 November (Staff Professional Development Day).

Students are reminded that these positions are based on leadership skills. College contribution and participation. As such, students are not judged on their athletic ability but rather their ability to fulfil the role, which goes beyond the sporting context.

Mr Mark Goldsbrough **Secondary Sports Coordinator**

PRIMARY SPORT

Sportsperson of the Week

Name **Hayley Waites**

Favourite sport and why Netball because you can make new friends and

it's competitive.

10 years Age

Favourite colour Aqua

Favourite Food Ice-cream

Favourite athlete Kim Green, a netball player

Who do you play for? Tahmoor Wildcats

Why do you love sport?

It's active, can make new friends and every sport I try I find I have fun.

What is your best sporting memory?

When I shot my first goal.

What is your favourite skill for that sport?

Shooting for the goal.

Mr James Gooden **Primary Sports Coordinator**





Seesaw - How do families and students download an archive of student work from 2020?

As we draw closer to the end of the year, parents have the opportunity to download their child's journal from Seesaw. To do this, please follow the steps below. Sign into your Family or Student account at https://app.seesaw.me.

- Click your Profile Icon on the top left.
- Click Account settings.
- Scroll down and click **Download Journal** Archives.
- Click the **Download Journal** button for the **journal** you want **to download**.

Please note, you must be logged onto a computer. You will not be able to download a journal using your phone.

Student journals will be available to download till the end of Term 4. After this time, they will be archived and no longer available to access and download.

Mrs Tracy Turner Primary Teacher

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT

Applications continue to pour in for 2021 and beyond, across all Year Groups, but especially our entry years of Transition, Kindergarten, Year 5, 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.

Enrolment packs are available from the College Office or from the College website www.wac.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Kristy Biddle **Enrolments Officer**



Picton Bus Lines - Student Details for 2021

Please be advised that the Transport for NSW portal is now open for applications for 2021. Only **new** students applying for a bus pass for 2021 should apply at:

http://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/howtoApply

Please Note: No need to re-apply for a bus pass if you are a current student, unless your details have changed eg your address etc or your child is going into Year 7.

Students changing schools or addresses should update their details to ensure the 2021 bus pass will be issued with the correct details. Details can be updated at:

http://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails





WAC Kids Care

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 WAC Kids Care Program offers support to families in the way of meals. Please contact Mrs Hay or Mrs Rockwell at the College. Confidentiality will be respected. The College is accepting food donations towards the WAC Kids Care Meals Ministry.

WAC Kids Care

If you would like to practically support the WAC Kids Care Program, you are able to contribute food goods at any time.

The following items are very helpful when preparing meals:

Rice, Pasta, Noodles and Lentils
Tinned Vegetables eg Kidney Beans, Corn and Tomato
Sauces eg Passata, Sweet & Sour and Curry bases
Stock - Chicken, Beef, Vegetable
Flours + Gluten Free
Tinned and dried fruit
Eggs



All donations need to be within their **use by date.** Wish Cards or cash are also welcome which can be handed directly to the Office Staff.

Thank you to everyone supporting this ministry as we serve our Community.

Mrs Lisa Rockwell - WAC Kids Care Organiser

Community Links - Christmas Hampers

To help support and assist the most vulnerable community members through the Christmas period, a Christmas decorated basket will be placed in Student Reception for donations towards Christmas hampers. Items such as Tinned Leg Ham, Self-Saucing Pudding Mix, Tinned peaches/fruit, Tinned Spaghetti, Tuna Bake Sauce Jar, Tin Mixed Vegetables, Tinned Corn Kernels, Bolognaise Sauce Jar, Sweet biscuit packs, Packet Lollies, Tea Bags, Jelly Crystals, Cake Mix, Packet Pasta, Instant Noodles, Cereal and Long-life Custard.

Trash and Treasure

Where: Wollondilly Presbyterian Church - Up the Hill Progress Street, Tahmoor

When: Saturday, 21 November Time: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Sausage Sizzle, cold drinks and Morning Tea will be available

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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PETF ... friendraising and fundraising



Clothing Pool is open every morning!

7.45 am to 8.30 am

Come and visit the Clothing Pool to find some great bargains on quality used second hand uniforms.

There is a wide selection to choose from, for Transition through to Senior Uniforms. Brand new Socks, Ties and Rain Ponchos are also available.

EFTPOS and Cash payments are accepted.

Thank you to the College community for your donations, keep them coming in!

Mrs Melissa Whishaw **Clothing Pool Coordinator WAC P&F** 0415 402 013



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Glitz n Glamour Photography Ph: 4626 1911	Ken Shafer Smash Repairs Ph: 1300 011 022	
Hills Commercial Cleaning (QUEDOS) Ph: 9526 0746	Narellan Pools Ph: 1300 676 657	
Taverner Landscapes Ph: 4684 2413	Thomton Bros Roses ROSES Ph: 4683 1062	
Kwik Kopy Macarthur Ph: 1300 251 787	House Warehouse Tahmoor Ph: 4683 3111	
Little Elves OOSH Ph: 0487 000 245	Little Elves Childcare Ph: 4684 3124	
NU-Era Homes NU-Era Homes Ph: 4655 9977	Oxley Butchery Ph: 4861 1570	
Hume Building Ph:02 4630 8967		

Thank you to our Diamond, Double Gold and Gold 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.

INTERIM HEADMASTER HAPPENINGS

Thursday, 12 November PD Day

Year 12 Sign Outs

Friday, 13 November PD Day

Student Interview

Staff Social

Monday, 16 November Assembly

Meetings with staff

Site Meeting

Tuesday, 17 November Meetings with Staff

Year 12 Sign Outs P&F Executive Dinner

Wednesday, 18 November Student Interviews

Exec Meeting

College Council Meeting



ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

Most churches are hosting services and Bible study groups online; it's a big change. Please see below links:

- Austinmer Anglican Church Online https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQkg5CQlaD0
- C3 Wilton Church Online -https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZvjF337DgiG5kiZF81Kfnw/featured
- Picton and Wilton Anglican Church http://pwac.org.au/pwac-online/
- Bowral Anglican Church www.bowralanglican.org.au
- Wollondilly Anglican Church Pre-recorded services via Facebook page
- Tahmoor Baptist Church On website through Zoom
- Wollondilly Presbyterian Via Facebook page Streamed Service
- St Jude's Church, Bowral https://vimeo.com/399339398 & Kids' Spot <a href="https://vimeo.com/apirity/inter-the-pi-at-
- Campbelltown Christian Community Church (C4) Search C4Minto YouTube
- Menangle Anglican Church http://www.menangleanglican.com.au/
- Mittagong Anglican Church https://www.youtube.com/user/mittagonganglican

PRETEND HEADMASTERS



Pretend Headmaster - Amelia Valentine (KJ) is browsing the shelves for the perfect book to borrow for the last time this year.

Reminder - Week 6 is the last week to borrow books from our College Libraries.

All books need to be returned in Week 7 to help our wonderful College Library Staff.

Prayer Points

Please Thank God:

- That He provides us with grace, hope, love, joy and peace.
- For the sacrifice of His son for us.
- For the progress on the Quarmby Cottage.

Please Ask God:

- To keep our Year 12 students safe as they finish their HSC examinations.
- For strength and progression to recovery for those in our community who are unwell and are facing significant illnesses.
- For wisdom as we negotiate the changes in the COVID restrictions for schools.

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.

