

# Wollondilly

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## THE WARATAH WEEKLY

*Begin with the End in Mind*



For  
God so  
*Loved*  
THE  
WORLD  
that he gave his  
**One & Only Son**  
that whoever  
**Believes**  
in him should not perish, but have  
**ETERNAL LIFE**  
JOHN 3:16



May you enjoy peace and hope this Christmas in the celebration of God's great gift to us all.



# FROM THE MIDDLE YEARS PASTORAL COORDINATOR

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## **The Only Constant in Life is Change - Middle Years Formal Assembly**

When I think about the year that has passed, it has been a bit of a wild ride. If you could describe it in a word or two, what would these words be? For me, one word springs to mind. It starts with a 'C' ... Change. It has been a year of constant Change.

This word has been really popular in a lot of contexts this year. I feel like every time I have turned on the telly, someone has been on there informing me about how rules have changed. I feel that people have been really keen to talk about how things have changed too. Think about it ... Be it different learning environments, social rules and expectations, even the way we could interact with our friends and relatives has changed for a period of time this year.

But if you take out all of the obvious changes we have had to deal with this year. What changes have you experienced this year? This time last year some of you were at different schools or you were finishing Primary about to head into Secondary. Or you weren't even in the Middle Years yet. Perhaps you have noticed some positive changes within yourself. Your relationships with your friends have strengthened, or you have become more confident to speak up for others or if you see people being treated poorly. Perhaps you have noticed some negative changes. A selfishness or lack of respect has crept in at times. Poor listening or stubbornness. Or feeling like you don't have someone close to you to talk about things you are struggling with.

Think about how you have changed this year. Maybe there have been some good and not so good changes.

The focus on change has been massive this year and we all have had to adjust, perhaps more than usual. I feel that the world's focus on change has made us identify our changes more than ever.

## **How have you coped with change?**

Maybe you have resisted it. Maybe you have become angry, frustrated or stressed. Maybe you have embraced it, loved it or looked out for ways to learn from it. Perhaps depending on the change, you have done all of these things at some point.

What have I learned about myself this year? I've learned that I need to expect change. And has brought me hope during challenging or unexpected events. This same thought has also brought fear in situations where the last thing I wanted was change. I've come to realise it's not the circumstances or the changes that dictate how my life will go, but rather how I handle those changes and disruptions. No matter the change we experience, how we embrace that change will forever impact how we are able to live with the change.

What coping strategies do you use to help you manage unexpected life changes? Do you fall back into old patterns of negative behaviours or do you practise acceptance and other positive coping behaviours?

A positive approach to change could involve reaching out to a supportive network of family and friends. Their insight and perspective may be that change required to push you forward in the right direction.

It is also amazing how each of us have our own resiliency and ability to recover from, or adjust to, change. I have seen it in many of you this year. Practise living life with an attitude of gratitude, and embrace change as an opportunity for continuous growth.

Thinking back, I am sure that you can all identify areas of individual growth this year. If you can't, come and see me, your Year Patron or Classroom teachers because we have seen something in each one of you this year.

We seek out routine and knowing what will happen next. People love routine. We love to know what is coming next, we love to be organised and feel like we have it all under control. We love and strive for consistency and certainty.

But I will tell you a secret the only thing that is constant in life is change. This year has highlighted that change occurs, however the world is striving to return to 'normality'. However, even when things return to normal, change in its variety of forms will still occur. And that is certain.

So how will, as people who strive for routine, survive?

We need to find something that is constant, never moving, a rock, a shelter, a fortress, a support, a shield, a refuge and a protector.

# FROM THE MIDDLE YEARS PASTORAL COORDINATOR

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Do you have this in your life? Something that is constant and certain?

For me, I know that while change is constant and I should expect it, God is always in control.

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalm 18:2

When I struggle to cope with changes or realise that things are out of my control or become overwhelmed. I lean on God. When positive changes occur and things are going well for me, I thank God.

The knowledge of an unshakeable, never moving God, gives me strength. Strength to persevere and persist. Energy to be resilient. Power to push on. Not because I know that I can do it, but because I know that I have the God who created the universe with me.

Through all of the changes we experience, that knowledge gives me an unshakable peace.

Now the outcome will not always be what I want or am hoping for. But knowing that God is in constant control of change gives me peace and real freedom.

It has never been more obvious to me than this year, the world is scared of change, scared of the unknown and it is clear that humans are not in control.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. Isaiah 40:28

So, you will experience change and change will be constant. Who will you rely on to help you cope with change?

**Mr Stuart Houweling**  
**Middle Pastoral Care Coordinator 5-8**

## ASSET PROTECTION ZONE

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During the Christmas break the College is required to carry out an Asset Protection Zone (APZ) clearing on the College property.

The conditions within our current and previously approved Development Applications with Wollondilly Council require us to create the APZ. An APZ clearing is the reduction of trees, shrubs, general bush vegetation within a specific area to reduce the fire fuel level to a required minimum level near buildings.

The area impacted by the APZ is 70 metres from our buildings along the North, North/Western and Western sides of the College. It also affects the gully between the Flynn building and the car park on the Eastern side of Flynn.

While the clearing of trees and other vegetation is unfortunate, we are required to follow strict regulations in carrying out the clearing of an APZ and it cannot be avoided. Some mature species will be retained and we are also employing an Ecologist to assess the affected area to identify any habitats in area. If identified, the process will ensure they are either retained or relocated appropriately prior to any clearing starting.

We also plan to collect seeds from some of the existing vegetation to enable us to propagate seedlings for replanting in areas outside of the APZ.

On the completion of the clearing works, the area will undergo some landscaping and native grass seeding to bring this area up to a space our students can enjoy.



## College Event Calendar - Term 4 2020

### College

Thursday, 10 December

Staff Development Day (**Pupil Free**)

## College Event Calendar - Term 1 2021

### College

Friday, 29 January

First Day of Term 1 2021

(T3, Kindergarten, Year 7, Year 11 & Year 12 only)

Monday, 1 February

First Day of Term 1 (Rest of the College)



# Wollondilly Anglican College



2021 Term Dates	
<b>Term 1 – 29 January to 1 April</b>	
Tuesday, 26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Wednesday, 27 January	Professional Development Day – All Staff
Thursday, 28 January	Professional Development Day – All Staff
<b>Friday, 29 January</b>	<b>First day Term 1 for T3, Kindergarten, Year 7, Year 11, Year 12</b>
<b>Monday, 1 February</b>	<b>All students</b>
<b>Thursday, 1 April</b>	<b>Last day of Term 1</b>
Friday, 2 April	Easter Good Friday
Monday, 5 April	Easter Monday
<b>Term 2 – 19 April to 25 June</b>	
<b>Monday, 19 April</b>	<b>First day of Term 2</b>
Sunday, 25 April	ANZAC Day (no extra Public Holiday)
Monday, 14 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
<b>Friday, 25 June</b>	<b>Last day of Term 2</b>
<b>Term 3 – 19 July to 17 September</b>	
Mon-Fri 12-16 July	Professional Development Week ( <i>Pupil Free</i> )
	Work Experience Week (Year 10 students)
<b>Monday, 19 July</b>	<b>First day of Term 3 for students</b>
<b>Friday, 17 September</b>	<b>Last day of Term 3</b>
Monday, 4 October	Labour Day Public Holiday
<b>Term 4 – 5 October to 9 December</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 5 October</b>	<b>First day of Term 4</b>
Thursday, 11 November	Professional Development Day for staff ( <i>Pupil free</i> )
Friday, 12 November	Professional Development Day for staff ( <i>Pupil Free</i> )
<b>Thursday, 9 December</b>	<b>Last day of Term 4 for students</b>
Friday, 10 December	Professional Development Day for staff ( <i>Pupil Free</i> )

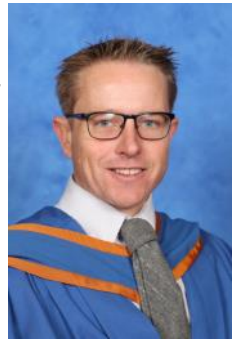
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Note: (State Schools Finish: Friday, 17 December)

## FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY'S DESK

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I would like to take this opportunity to wish the College community a safe and fun filled holiday. The year has been like no other, and I am proud of the manner in which the WAC community has rallied together to support one another. The Presentation Evenings have been a great celebration of the many successes throughout the year. I have also enjoyed reading students' reports and seeing the growth that has occurred in 2020.



Next year we will see further change in the College with the commencement of our new Headmaster as well as a number of new staff commencing in Senior Leadership roles. This will be an exciting time as we head into the next phase. The one thing that won't change, however, is that Christ will continue to be at the centre of who we are at Wollondilly.

I hope you are able to take some time out over the next few weeks to reflect on the year that has been. Enjoy the holiday period and I look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

God Bless!

**Mr Paul Burns**  
**Acting Deputy Headmaster**



## PERFORMANCE NEWS

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### Showcase Website

I would like to firstly thank all of our dedicated Performance staff (tutors and WAC teaching staff) for their hard work with getting this website up and running. I'd especially like to thank Mrs Belinda Taylor for her hard work in the creation of the website and design aspects.

Use this link to access our Performance Showcase Website:

<https://mrstaylorvisarts.wixsite.com/performingarts2020>

This website showcases our students' God-given talents and abilities that they have persevered to improve upon and be able to showcase in a digital format. We are thankful to God for technology and the ability to still showcase the amazing work that the students have produced this year, despite the restrictions.

### 2021

Early next year, students will be informed of any changes to our regular schedule of rehearsals (days and times), but due to the unpredictable nature of the health climate, we are unsure as to whether these rehearsals will return to normal conditions.

**Mr Lloyd Grant**  
**Acting Performance Coordinator T-12**



# TEACHING AND LEARNING T-6

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## Primary End of Year Message

Earlier in the year I sent an email, in which I stated that the sign of a good community is how it goes through difficult times. I would like to thank parents who have supported us as Primary teachers. We have appreciated the words of encouragement and the efforts that many have given to us. We have appreciated the communication from parents and the willingness to be in partnership that many have shown.



As the Primary leader, I appreciate the T-6 staff and those others who work so hard for the benefit of our students. The love that staff have shown and the care for the children in their care is evident. There are so many examples I could share of when teachers have gone above and beyond just doing their job.

I also appreciate the way that our students have worked, we have a lovely culture here. While we are not perfect, we are pretty good at focusing on learning and appreciating the progress that is made.

I feel that in 2020 Wollondilly has shown that we are a community that can work through difficulties with a sense of trying to see the positives by looking for solutions rather than letting the problems weigh us down. Being patient when things are different, being flexible and understanding that we may not get everything right straight away. Understanding that sometimes we just have to make the best of a bad situation. Always do the best we can and understand that everyone is working for the same goal and that is, the education of our children.

I am eternally thankful that we can rely on our God who loves and cares for each one of us.

I pray that all of our families have a wonderful holiday break. Thank you again for your support and I look forward to seeing lots of smiling happy faces (and even the grumpy or unhappy ones) again next year.

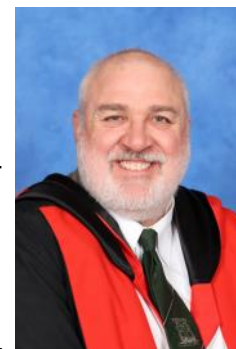
**Ms Jacqui Huxtable**  
Director of Teaching and Learning T-6

## NSW YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARDS

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We had two students recognised at the NSW Young Scientist Awards last month.

**Katie Maddock** (Y12 2020) was awarded 3rd Place for a Scientific Investigation in Chemistry (Years 11 and 12) for her project "*False Positives in Blood Detection using the Hemastix Test*". Her project was also nominated, as one of five at a secondary level in all sciences, for the national level of the BHP Foundation Science and Engineering Awards.



(<http://www.youngscientist.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Chemistry-encoded.mp4> and <http://www.youngscientist.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/BHP-Nominees-Secondary.mov>)

**Catherine Shaw** (Y11/Y12 2021) was awarded Bronze level (top 20 in the State) in the Rowe Scientific Depth Study Awards for students in Years 11 or 12, in any of the sciences, for her depth study "*The effect of varying potassium nitrate amounts on the effectiveness of a Fitzroy storm glass*".

([https://youtu.be/yTjV2\\_azrJ8](https://youtu.be/yTjV2_azrJ8))

**Dr Andrew Eaton**  
Science Teacher

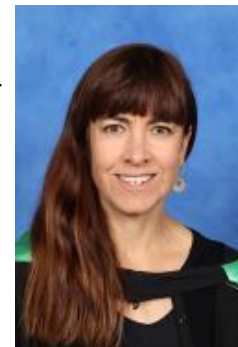




# ACTING PASTORAL CARE T-12

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As the term draws to a close and the holidays commence, it is a timely reminder of the importance of being aware of online and/or device use and interactions amongst children and young people. Parents and carers play an important role in helping children to develop digital intelligence - the social, emotional and practical skills needed to successfully navigate the digital world.



Here are a few tips to promote good habits during the Christmas holidays

1. Talk as a family about what is ok and not ok to share online.  
For example - Whether any member of the family shares a photo of the house or pet's name online. When to share family holiday photos and what photos can be shared. What is not to be shared online.
2. Respect the age recommendations; it is not illegal for a child to use social media under the age of 13 years with their parent's permission. But they need to remember to update their age on any site that has asked for it when they turn 13 years. This way, the app will not think they are older.
3. Respect the classifications on games. The average age of a gamer is 34-36 years old. Classifications are there for a reason.
4. Teach your kids to think twice before they accept a friend request or chat to a random stranger through a game.
5. Know how to block and report on every app and game your child is using so that you can help when things go wrong if you don't know how to sit with your child and learn together.
6. Be a good role model. Keep your screen time in check and set a good example for your children. Teach them to review who they are following often and unfollow accounts that make them feel bad about themselves.
7. Help them to check and manage privacy settings. Set all of their accounts to private. This is something you can do together when they are younger by making it a shared experience.
8. Encourage your kids to speak up. Kids need to understand that an adult can help when they know what is going on and will help them without the worry of being banned from their device or game for speaking up.
9. What are they looking at? You may never know what they see, and there is a lot of graphic content, porn, and other inappropriate content online just an accident click away. Ensure they know to get off the app immediately if they see something that makes them feel uncomfortable or worried.
10. Set time limits and be very clear about how long they can be online, or they can be watching all kinds of content for hours.

Finally, strategise with your children. Most young people would first turn to their friends for help. We need to teach young people how to support their friends and what to do to help themselves at the same time.

Ask them questions like these: What would you do if a friend came to you because they are cyber bullied? How would you address your friend who is sharing too much information online?

With older teens, communicate that there is absolutely no other option other than to get a parent or a trusted adult involved when the issues are: Friends sharing inappropriate photos. Friends are going to meet someone they have met online. Someone is self-harming or talking about self-harm.

This way, you are giving young people a lot of authority and autonomy, but you are also defining healthy boundaries.

For further information and resources visit [www.safeonsocialtoolkit.com](http://www.safeonsocialtoolkit.com)

**Mrs Emily Madden**  
**Acting Director of Pastoral Care T-12**



# PASTORAL MATTERS - EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

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## Keeping healthy over the holidays

As we come to the end of 2020, it feels like everyone is looking forward to having some time off, especially after this year. It has been an unusual year, and a lot of people seem to be more exhausted, run down, or burnt out than they normally would. Holidays and time off are hopefully a time for us to rest and re-energise for next year. But holidays can be challenging for some people. Being taken away from the usual routine of school or work can be destabilising for some, as we are not able to see friends as much as we would like. This may also leave people feeling bored, unsupported, upset, or anxious.

Time off can be particularly hard for people who are experiencing isolation, loneliness, or mental health issues. We may also be nervous about starting a new year, especially those of us who are making big changes (eg moving into high school or senior years).

During these times, it is important for families and friends to be aware of signs and symptoms that others might be experiencing some added pressure. There are some things that we can do to support each other.

## Encourage others to stay connected

Social relationships are an important aspect of our lives. Friends can provide both play and support, and spending time with friends is important for keeping and building on existing friendships.

## Encourage them to stay involved

Whether it is work, hobbies, clubs, or sports, involvement with these can help people feel connected to their wider community. This time can also be a good opportunity to get some work experience, or get some experience volunteering in the community.

## Partake in physical activity

If you are feeling down or finding things difficult, physical activities such as walking around the block, can help relieve stress and frustration. Regular exercise can relieve stress, improve memory, help you sleep better, and boosts your overall mood.

## Keep to a regular routine

Getting a good sleep each night helps people feel energised, focused, and motivated. By getting up and going to bed at the same time each day, it can help normalise your body clock, and make it easier to get back into routine at the start of next year.

## Take time to celebrate and be grateful

The end of the year is a great time to look back on the previous year, and consider all the positive things that have happened during the year. It is also a great time to celebrate with friends and family.

Source: <https://www.headspace.org.au>

**Mr Mitchell Barnes**  
Educational Psychologist

# GINGERBREAD HOUSES - YEAR 7 GERMAN

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Students have thoroughly enjoyed designing their own Gingerbread Houses a little differently this year as we replaced our usual Gingerbread House activities with a COVID safe alternative.



It has been amazing to see the range of creative and detailed designs which have been produced. The students have also had the chance to research the origins of the Gingerbread House tradition. We hope you have the chance to enjoy some *Lebkuchen* at your home over the holidays. Frohe Weihnachten!

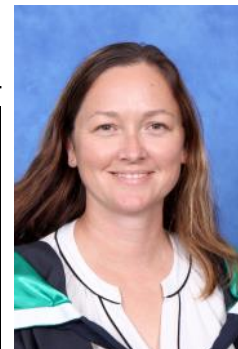
**Frau Carolyn Clark & Frau Justine Holmes**  
German Teachers



# CREATIVE ARTS NEWS/LANGUAGE NEWS

## Check Out The MADDD Night Website!






On the homepage of the College website there is a link to the 2020 MADDD Night website. We are very proud of what our Secondary Creative Arts and Languages students have been able to produce in their classes this year, and would like to encourage you to take some time to take a look over the viewing period. We have now extended the viewing period over the Summer break due to requests received to keep it live long enough for work to be shared with extended family over the Christmas period. We are so glad that parents and students have enjoyed the website.



Here is the direct link; <https://mrstaylorvisarts.wixsite.com/wac2020maddshowcase>

## Music Tuition

We have a number of very talented, experienced and highly qualified Music tutors working at the College. If you are interested in organising tuition for your child in 2021, please make contact with Mrs Leanne Molluso in Student Reception, [l.molluso@wac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:l.molluso@wac.nsw.edu.au).

	Tutor Pic	Instrument	Tutor Bio	Eligibility	Days
Jillian Bridge		Violin, Viola	Jillian Bridge is a violin teacher, conductor and freelance violinist. She has taught chamber music at the Sydney Conservatorium, and has been string tutor at many music camps including the State Education Department and School Spectaculars. Jillian conducted Fisher's Ghost Youth Orchestra for 15 years, and has been the Musical Director of Macarthur Singers since 2007. She was a member of the baroque group Les Amis for many years and is a founding and ongoing member of Macarthur Strings Quartet. Jillian is a member of The Occasional Performing Sinfonia (TOPS) and plays for various musical societies in Sydney. She performs with The Highlands Collective and has been Concert Master of the Southern Highlands Symphony Orchestra since its inauguration. Jillian has a large number of private violin students from beginner to Associate Diploma level. She is an accredited member of the Music Teachers' Association.	Year 2 and up	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Michael Watkin		Saxophone, Clarinet, Piano	Michael graduated from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music with a Bachelor of Music Education degree majoring in Piano and passing with Merit. He then went on to complete a Master of Music degree majoring in music technology. During this time he lectured at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music in both Instrumental Pedagogy and Music Technology. Michael went on to complete an Associate Diploma in Performance majoring in Saxophone and also a post Graduate Diploma of Music majoring in saxophone performance from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Michael has over 20 years of experience teaching saxophone, clarinet and piano and is also an accredited instrumental tutor for the University of NSW. He has taught at some of Sydney's most exclusive schools and has conducted and tutored at many workshops and schools. Many of his students have gone on to study at University level and have been nominated for honours such as School Spectacular house band and HSC Encore performances. He has worked extensively in amateur and professional theatre and has performed and recorded for TV, radio broadcasts for ABC FM and 2MBS FM and has toured Australia, Europe and New Zealand with various ensembles.	Piano - Year 1 and up Saxophone/Clarinet - Year 3/4 and up	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Daniel Wilms		Guitar	Bio coming	Year 2 and up	Wednesday, Friday
Michael Griffiths		Drum and side drum (Scottish Pipe Band Drumming)	Bachelor in Music Graduated AIM 2000, has over 20 years professional teaching and playing experience, providing tuition to eager drum enthusiasts. <a href="http://www.mikegriffiths.com.au">http://www.mikegriffiths.com.au</a>	Year 2 and up	Tuesday, Wednesday
Tammy Nelson		Vocal	Tammy is a trained vocalist and qualified vocal coach. She received her Bachelor of Music (Performance) in 2018 and has over 15 years experience singing and performing. Tammy has performed at multiple televised events including Channel 7's Carols in the Domain in both 2017 and 2018. Tammy has trained with some of Australia's most renowned Vocal Coaches and has had the pleasure of working along side some of Australia's most talented musicians. Tammy wishes to pass on her passion and skill to all of her students. Tammy trains all ages and skill levels to become the best vocalists they can be.	All ages	Monday, Friday
Catherine Barnett		Cello	Bio coming	Year 2 and up	Wednesday
Stephanie Dwyer		Piano	Stephanie Dwyer has played the piano since the age of 5. She holds a Bachelor of Music with 1st Class Honours from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music (Sydney University) in Piano Performance. She was one of five pianists nationally accepted to the Australian National Academy of Music in Melbourne and has performed as soloist with a number of orchestras. Her music career has taken her around Australia, to New Zealand, Austria, Germany and England. She has enjoyed teaching piano since the 1990's, both privately and in school environments. She teaches all levels from new beginners through to senior students striving for their diploma exams or HSC performance goals. Stephanie has a son attending Year 1 at Wollondilly Anglican College in 2021 and a young daughter keen to start Transition in 2022. She is very much looking forward to joining the instrumental teaching program at the College.	All ages	Tuesday

Also, we would love to add a specialist flute tutor to our amazing team. Interested tutors should make contact with Mrs Talbot, [s.talbot@wac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:s.talbot@wac.nsw.edu.au) to express their interest.

**Mrs Sarah Talbot**  
**Acting Creative Arts/LOTE Coordinator 7-12**



## Wollondilly Wildflowers

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Our small student group has been busy this week making bouquets for the College to present as gifts. Even at the end of the flowering season, as the weather is really warming up, the College grounds has a steady supply of beautiful fresh wildflowers for us to use. The grounds staff have done a wonderful job maintaining the College's beautiful gardens, and all the bouquets we have made this year have been made up of flowers picked exclusively from our grounds.



It has been a privilege to teach the students floral design this year, they have participated with such enthusiasm and really enjoyed this experience to create!

**Mrs Elizabeth Schwartz**  
TAS Teacher



## Knitting Club

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This year the Knitting Club has run in an Off-Campus format for most of the year, but successfully nonetheless. Many thanks go to Abby Miller, Sarah Clark, Bella Norman, Mrs Rhonda Hay, Mrs Jeannette Logan and Mrs Lesley Muir for their contributions towards the 30 Trauma Teddies we have knitted to donate to the Red Cross.

If you would like a Skill or Service activity for your Duke of Edinburgh Award or you would just like a way to relax, unwind and help out children in need, look out for the Waratah Weekly and Daily Newsfeed notice in 2021.

**Mrs Trudy Miller**  
Knitting Club Coordinator



## Past College Student Marie-Luise Meier-Kapavale

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Marie Luise commenced at our College in 2012 and finished at the end of 2017.

Marie-Luise has just completed her course in Kapooka near Wagga and is now stationed in Singleton. Marie-Luise has been away since 20 July and has recently marched out as a soldier.

Marie-Luise is thankful to her Granddad, Dr Quamby, Mr Toland and all the support of the staff at Wollondilly Anglican College who gave direction and perseverance during her College years for army training.

Congratulations to Marie-Luise for her future endeavours with the Army.





# PRIMARY FUN DAY





# TRANSITION GRADUATION

This week Transition students graduated and are now ready to enter Kindergarten in 2021. The graduation ceremonies were perfect. Not even the COVID-19 restriction could put a damper on the celebrations. Mrs Grant, Mrs Hyslop and I are so proud of all the students.

**Mrs Anita Belusic**  
**Tembo & Toto Teacher**  
**ES1 Coordinator**



There has been a suspected 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>





## **General information from the Canteen Team in preparation for 2021**

All ordering is done online via Flexischools. The cut-off time for each day's ordering is 8.30am. After this there is a limited menu available for a late cut-off of 10.00 am. Within the Flexischools site/app you will find Alerts right at the beginning of your order. You can click Early Sport Lunch for sport days or Food Allergy Alert. Once you are in the site click on alerts and then choose. Choose the Allergy Alert only if you have a food allergy or intolerance. If you are ordering for a student with a food allergy or intolerance you must click this Alert every time you order.

From time to time a child does not pick up their recess or lunch order. Please ensure your child is aware they have an order so that it is not left here at the Canteen.

Please remind K-4 students to bring their lunch bag back to the Canteen at the beginning of Lunch 2 if they have ordered a frozen treat. We do not put these in the lunch bags.

If your child has no food for the day they will be required to go to Student Reception and get a voucher to come to the Canteen for some basic food. The cost of this will be charged to your College account.

Protect children's uniforms by purchasing an art smock from the canteen. They are \$20.00 each and range from extra small to large.

Excursions could well be back on for Term 1 and our College Excursion Bags are available to purchase for \$15.00 each.

Calling all volunteers - we need your assistance for 2021. If you are available to join our fabulous team of volunteers please fill in a volunteer form and drop it into Student Reception or the Canteen.

Hours can be flexible if you are unable to stay all day. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all my wonderful volunteers and student helpers during 2020 and look forward to a bigger and better 2021.

I wish you all a very happy Christmastime filled with God's blessings and a safe and happy holiday.

**Mrs Carolyn Richards**

**Canteen Supervisor**

**Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy.**

## **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 etc

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

# Scholarships 2022/2023

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I am delighted to advise that Applications for the Wollondilly Anglican College Scholarship Program commencing in 2022 are open for Academic and Creative Arts Scholarships.



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 at other schools. Students who are studying in Years 6, 8 and 10 in 2021 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 Enrolments 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, 27 February 2021.

### Music and Dance Scholarships

- Parents should complete the scholarship application form and return it to the Enrolments 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 will close on Friday, 5 February 2021. 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 4684 2722 or at [k.biddle@wac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:k.biddle@wac.nsw.edu.au).

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT

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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](http://www.wac.nsw.edu.au)

**Mrs Kristy Biddle**  
**Enrolments Officer**  
**Enrolments Contact Number: 4684 2722**



# COMMUNITY

- **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. Examples of required items include such as Tinned Leg Ham, Self-Saucing Pudding Mix, Tinned Peaches/Fruit, Tinned Spaghetti, Tuna Bake Sauce Jar, Tin Mixed Vegetables, Tinned Corn Kernels, Bolognese Sauce Jar, Sweet biscuit packs, Packet Lollies, Tea Bags, Jelly Crystals, Cake Mix, Packet Pasta, Instant Noodles, Cereal and Long-life Custard.

- Wollondilly Shire Council is offering 'FREE' child car seat fitting checks for residents of the Wollondilly Shire. Registration is only available online through an Eventbrite ticket system: - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-child-car-seat-safety-check-november-2020-tickets-126902052455>

- **Priceline Pharmacy Tahmoor (Tahmoor Town Centre)**

Currently offering students who attend the College a student discount

Also currently offering work experience opportunities for students who attend the College

**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.**



# Parents' & Friends' Association

**P&F** ...friendraising and fundraising



**Clothing Pool - Open every morning 7.45 am to 8.30 am**

Donations can be left at Student Reception when Clothing Pool is closed.

Thank you to all our lovely volunteers and the generous donations throughout the year!

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

## **Items of Clothing from Student Reception**

If your child has recently borrowed an item of clothing from Student Reception, could you please wash and return to the College promptly (excluding underwear).

If your child has been given underwear, we are happy to receive new purchases to replace those given out.

## **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.

## **Lost Property**

Due to recent COVID-19 restrictions, all **labelled** lost property will now be sorted and items returned to your child/rens teacher or roll call teacher.

Unlabelled clothing will be donated to the Clothing Pool.

## Sponsorship 2020

...friendraising and fundraising



Diamond	
	<b>Bradcorp</b> Ph: 02 9238 8047
Double Gold	
	<b>Anytime Fitness Tahmoor</b> Ph: 02 4683 2297
	<b>Hume Building</b> Ph: 02 4630 8967
	<b>Simec Mining</b> Ph: 02 4640 0100
	<b>Stanton Dahl Architects</b> Ph: 02 8876 5300
Gold	
 <i>Commercial and Accounting Services</i>	<b>Best Practice Commercial &amp; Accounting Services</b> Ph: 4677 0361
	<b>Carpenter Partners Real Estate</b> Ph: 4683 1293
	<b>Glitz n Glamour Photography</b> Ph: 4626 1911
	<b>Ken Shafer Smash Repairs</b> Ph: 1300 011 022
	<b>Hills Commercial Cleaning (QUEDOS)</b> Ph: 9526 0746
	<b>Narellan Pools</b> Ph: 1300 676 657
	<b>Taverner Landscapes</b> Ph: 4684 2413
	<b>Thomton Bros Roses</b> Ph: 4683 1062
	<b>Kwik Kopy Macarthur</b> Ph: 1300 251 787
	<b>House Warehouse Tahmoor</b> Ph: 4683 3111
	<b>Little Elves OOSH</b> Ph: 0487 000 245
	<b>Little Elves Childcare</b> Ph: 4684 3124
	<b>NU-Era Homes</b> Ph: 4655 9977
	<b>Oxley Butchery</b> Ph: 4661 1570
	<b>Hume Building</b> 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

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Thursday, 10 December	Staff PD Day
Friday, 18 December	HSC Results Year 12 BBQ



## ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

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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](http://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 - <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjV8-JhIKUz93R4O0OzsWCYfAMf2mej1>
- 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 - Bronte-Lee Vermaak (KJ) has started celebrating the end of Term for 2020.**

**We would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and Safe New Year.**

**God Bless**

## Prayer Points

### Please Thank God:

- For the gift of His son Jesus as we celebrate Christmas.
- That even in times of change and uncertainty He is with us.
- The appointment of the new WAC Headmaster for 2021.



### Please Ask God:

- To comfort and support those in our community who face illness, grief, financial challenges and family breakdown.
- For safety for our students, staff and families over our summer break.
- That He remain a constant in our lives.

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

**Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.**