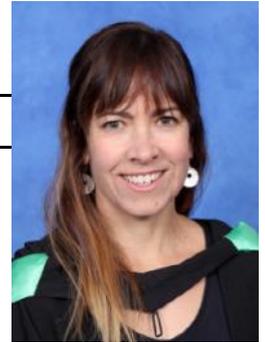




THE WARATAH WEEKLY

Endless is the Victory

Disconnect to Connect



Those who understand me well know that MUSIC is a significant part of my life. Music is an agent for me to be creative, express my emotions, communicate with others and deepen my understanding of God and the world around me. In other words music enables me to connect.

When I refer to the term connect, the reality is that most readers would instantly think of a smart-phone, computer or other such device. Technology is usually the go-to solution for us to source information, advice, to entertain ourselves, communicate, feel productive or just avoid boredom. It's important to consider that the very tools which allow us to go almost anywhere and do almost anything also shape our lives and relationships based on how we choose to use them.

Have you ever actually stopped to think about how much time you commit, how much trust and the reliance that you place in your devices to run your life? What are you choosing to connect to? When are you connecting? What impact are the connections you are choosing to make having on your health and wellbeing? Ongoing research convincingly suggests that the more we connect online, the more we actually become disconnected from ourselves and the present moment.

The Bible makes it clear that we were created for relationships. As social beings we were not made for isolation, rather connection. Neuroscience teaches us the fact that we are hardwired to be other-centred more than self-centred. When connecting well, we tend to be happier, healthier and perform better in the activities we engage in. Connections with SELF, OTHERS and GOD are vital to our sense of purpose, meaning and feeling grounded in who we are. These connections are interrelated, they strengthen and reinforce each other.

Given the accelerating pace of life, if we're not intentional about disconnecting from things that drain us so that we can connect with other things to recharge and refocus we run the risk of experiencing greater anxiety, loneliness and ill-health. In my role I have the privilege of having many conversations with students about the ups and downs of life. A common thread amongst all the different details is the desire to feel part of something, to experience belonging and acceptance, to participate in shared activities. We all do best when our self-esteem is high, we have a sense of purpose and positive social identity.

Do you hide behind your social media profile? Does your self-esteem fluctuate based on responses to your status update? Unfortunately, a distorted perception we may have about relationships can cause us to seek connections which are more harmful than helpful. Contrary to the idea that popularity promotes pride, it is the quality of our relationships which are more important than the quantity of them. It takes courage to open up to others, show attentiveness and build trust. It takes time and effort and often a great deal of patience.

Being connected isn't just a horizontal issue - with self and others, it's a so-called 'vertical' one as well. When we are connected with God, our Creator, it's like being attached to a vine. A fruit cannot mature and thrive unless attached to a vine, neither can we reach our true potential, the life which our Creator has planned for us unless we connect with Him. In the gospel of John, Jesus shares with us- "I love you the way my Father loves me. Make yourselves at home in my love." He is inviting us to connect with him. He offers us the chance to experience a life filled with real joy and meaning- not short-lived thrills, momentary highs, which we later realise can't sustain us. A connection with God is one that is always reliable, never subject to end, it can't break down or become obsolete, it can't be hacked, breached or compromised.

Maybe you need to 'DISCONNECT in order to really CONNECT'.



FROM THE HEADMASTER

Who is responsible for key areas of the College?

College Academic Structure

T-12: Deputy Headmaster
Primary: Director of Teaching and Learning Years T-6
Secondary: Director of Teaching and Learning Years 7-12

Mr Ian Croger
Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Mr Paul Burns

College Pastoral Care Structure

T-12: Deputy Headmaster
T-12: Director of Pastoral Care
Junior: Junior Pastoral Care Coordinator T-4
Middle: Middle Pastoral Care Coordinator 5-8
Senior: Senior Pastoral Care Coordinator 9-12

Mr Ian Croger
Mr Liam Toland
Mrs Lisa Maher
Mr Stuart Houweling
Mrs Emily Madden

PREFECTS INDUCTION DAY THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY

On Thursday, 13 February, our College Prefects and Captains will be attending a Student Leadership Day at St Andrew's Cathedral in Sydney. The group will join with student leaders from other Anglican Schools in NSW.

After a church service which includes the induction of student leaders, there is a separate section conducted by the Archbishop where he will field students' questions. It is an immense honour for our students to be part of such a group.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD EXPEDITION PLANNING 2020

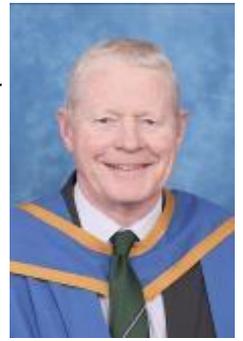
Term	Dates	Activity	Location
1	Saturday, 21 March	Bronze Training Day	WAC
1	Saturday, 28 March to Sunday, 29 March	Bronze Practice Journey	Coast Walk - Minnamurra to Gerringong
2	Saturday, 16 May to Sunday, 17 May	Bronze Qualifying Journey	Great North Walk
	Friday, 15 May to Sunday, 17 May	Silver Practice Journey	Great North Walk
3	Thursday, 27 Aug to Sunday, 30 August	Silver/Gold Expedition	Blue Mountains/Wild Dog Mountains
4	Monday, 28 September to Thursday, 1 October	Silver/Gold Expedition	TBA

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Parents and Friends Meet and Greet

On Wednesday, 12 February at 7.00 pm - please join us and meet some of the parents from our P&F.

This isn't the AGM. It is an informal opportunity to hear a little about the role of the P&F at the College and meet other people. Bickies and nibbles provided. All welcome.



Student Drop Off in the Morning

Parents please note the College is not officially open in the morning until 7.30 am for K-12 students unless there is a pre-arranged early excursion departure. Students should not be dropped off before this time.

Limited playground supervision is provided at 7.30 am. At 7.50 am more staff are allocated playground supervision to manage the arrival of most students from the buses.

The drop off for Transition students is not until 7.50 am when there is a dedicated staff member to supervise the students.

We understand the frustrations with traffic congestion but please do not drop students on the 'mine side' of the road to cross the road to the College or drop them outside the front gate. This is very dangerous.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program 2020

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is operating at Wollondilly Anglican College and some students in Year 9 and above (aged 14 or older) may wish to join the program. This is an optional activity. The award is a youth self-development program for all young people. It is non-competitive and encourages young people to set and achieve goals at a level appropriate to their needs. There are four sections that must be completed for a young person to qualify for an award:

Community Service, Skills, Recreation and Expedition.

These provide an opportunity for students to acquire and develop skills, initiative and self esteem which will help them become more confident members of the community. The scheme is highly regarded by many employers.

The scheme has three award levels - Bronze, Silver and Gold. To obtain the Bronze award, students must complete the following sections:

1. Service: Voluntary community service spread over three months.
2. Expedition: Complete training and a practice trip and then an expedition with overnight camping.
3. Skills: Over a three month period, cultural or social activity must be pursued leading to a deeper knowledge of the subject and the attainment of a reasonable degree of skill, eg: playing a musical instrument.
4. Physical Recreation: Participation in one physical activity for a minimum of three months, resulting in some improvement in that activity.
5. All participants must do an extra three months in either, Skill, Physical Recreation or Service.

The initial cost of the program is \$140.00 (including GST), which pays for insurance and the record book.

I hope your son/daughter will take advantage of this opportunity to join the scheme. If you have any questions, please ring Mr Baulch at the College on 02 4684 2577 for information regarding the Bronze Award or Mr Croger regarding the Silver and Gold Awards.

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster

TEACHING AND LEARNING 7-12

Year 10 Mathematics Pathways

Mr Hicks (Teaching and Learning Coordinator Mathematics) will be speaking to all Year 10 students about the pathways they will be studying in 2020 and the implications for courses in Years 11 and 12. He will also be emailing parents very important information as a follow up. Parents are asked to read this carefully and make contact with Mr Hicks if questions arise.



Year 11 and Year 12 Study Periods

Some students in Years 11 and 12 will have study periods. Students should remain in the Flynn IRC for the duration of the period and they are to be working quietly on individual tasks. Students are able to listen to music through their laptop devices, however phones should not be present. Study periods are a great opportunity to work on assignments and study notes, and students are encouraged to make the most of this time.

Course and Elective Changes

At times students may wish to make an adjustment to the Courses or electives they are studying. In these situations, students need to talk to their class teacher, Head of Faculty and myself. It may be possible to swap a course if there is room. A 'Change of Subject' form needs to be completed (available at Student Reception) and returned to Mr Croger for the change to be made. Changes of this nature should be finalised in the first few weeks of the academic year.

Edumate Student Portal

All students are reminded of the importance to be checking their Edumate portal on a daily basis. Broadcasts may be sent directly to them. This will also show their timetable, up-coming assessment tasks, results and both the College calendar and a personal calendar based on activities they are involved in.

Reminder Year 7 Information Evening

Reminder that the Year 7 Information Evening will be held this Thursday evening in Warne Auditorium. The evening will commence at 7.00 pm and will conclude at approximately 8.00 pm. Year 7 students are to attend and wear their College uniforms.

Mr Paul Burns

Director of Teacher and Learning 7-12

MUSIC IS GOOD

An education inclusive of Music maximises Student Opportunity

Music maximises student engagement and provides opportunities for a child's personal development. It makes a contribution to a child's individual development that no other subject can. Young people who engage with Music are more likely to be 'better citizens' Music helps underperforming students to improve. Incorporating music into your child's routine helps them improve in all their key learning areas.

Give your child the opportunity to develop their musical skills and improve their overall academic performance by learning an instrument. Please see the Student Reception staff for an application form to learn an instrument. If you are uncertain what instrument they should study, please book an appointment with Mr Denley who can assist you in making the best choice of instrument for your child.

Make the most of the great opportunities available through the College to give your child the best start to their education that you can.

Mr Simon Denley

Creative Arts and LOTE Coordinator



PASTORAL CARE T-12



Bus Transport

Below are the new bus routes for the afternoon bus dismissal from the College. The continued significant growth at the College has resulted in the need for additional services. This has been a welcome relief for many of the services which were experiencing very heavy loads in the afternoon. Picton and Berrima Buslines have worked closely with the College to put together these new services and we thank them for their ongoing support and for running these services. The services will address some of the key concerns from last year and assist to provide space for future growth areas.

W.A.C AFTERNOON BUSES WITH TOWN NAMES 2020

ANIMAL	FIRST WAVE
 35	BARGO STATION WESTSIDE ONLY THEN COLO VALE EXPRESS Operated by Berrima Buslines
 10	YERRINBOOL, ALPINE, MITTAGONG CBD, BOWRAL CBD - BERRIMA ZEBRA Operated by Berrima Buslines
 46	MARSHALL RD, AYL MERTON, BRAEMAR, RENWICK, EAST BOWRAL, BURRADOO, MOSS VALE Operated by Berrima Buslines
 25	GREAT SOUTHERN RD, AVON DAM RD BARGO AND ALL WILTON AND BINGARA GORGE ESTATE
 11	BUXTON WEST OF RAILWAY LINE, BALMORAL & HILL TOP Operated by Berrima Buslines
 12	BINGARA GORGE ESTATE
ANIMAL	SECOND WAVE
 3	THIRLMERE WAY, THIRLMERE PUBLIC & LAKESLAND
 8	BARGO WEST SIDE OF RAILWAY LINE - Wellers, Elvy, Hambridge, Noongah St
 14	EXPRESS LAKESLAND, OAKDALE, THE OAKS
 17	TAHMOOR CBD, KENT RD, KOORANA RD, PICTON, MALDON,
 1	PICTON CBD, RAZORBACK, CAMDEN, ELDESLIE
 10	BARGO RIVER RD, ALL BUXTON EAST OF RAILWAY LINE - PICTON ZEBRA
ANIMAL	THIRD WAVE
 13	ALL PHEASANTS NEST LOOP
 15	TAHMOOR - MYRTLE CREEK, PICTON, JARVISFILED ESTATE
 16	TAHMOOR CBD, ALL THIRLMERE INCLUDING ESTONIAN RD, SHELLYS LANE, STONEQUARRY ESTATE
 20	BARGO AND YANDERRA

PASTORAL MATTERS - MIDDLE YEARS 5-8



Years 5-8 Pastoral Care Programs Term 1

This year the Middle Years Pastoral Care groups have been separated into Stage based classes. Boys and girls have also been separated. This will allow for the College to run targeted programs that will meet the needs of a range of students.

This term the Stage 3 groups (Years 5 & 6) will be taking part in a program that focuses on developing emotional literacy, problem solving skills and seeking help strategies.

This program uses positive psychology. Throughout this program teachers will emphasise the importance of identifying and using individual strengths. The social and emotional learning program, which uses strength-based approaches, promotes student wellbeing, positive behaviour and academic achievement.

The Stage 4 groups (Years 7 & 8) will commence the THRIVE - Unleashing Personal Potential Program. The lesson series instructs students on how to focus on improving, learning and growing. Through this unit, students will seek to understand more about the human brain and its ability to change and grow. This understanding opens up possibilities for improvement and allows us to tap into more of our potential. We will learn about catching the fixed mindset voice and reflecting on different skills that we might have developed over time.

Students will review their own mindsets and how this may be linked to learning, engagement and performance. The program will also demonstrate to students that growth and change, while not always immediate, is quite likely - when we do the work to improve.

Year 7 - Peer Support and Camp

The Year 7 camp will take place on Wednesday, 12 February to Friday, 14 February. The camp will be full of activities that will build teamwork, leadership and communication skills. It is a great opportunity for all of the students to build relationships with each other and the teachers who will be accompanying them. Parents should have received the permission notes via email during the holidays. Students should have returned all of these notes. Spare notes can be collected from Student Reception

Peer Support programs will soon be commencing. Peer support is an opportunity for students in Year 7 to make connections and build relationships with their Year 10 peers. These interactions will assist the Year 7 students settle into the Secondary years.

Mr Stuart Houweling
Pastoral Care Coordinator 5-8

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

PERFORMANCE NEWS



Get Involved In Performance

At Wollondilly Anglican College we offer many opportunities for students to engage with College life beyond what happens in the classroom. Research suggests involvement in co-curricular performance ensembles can promote social and emotional wellbeing, teamwork, organisation, creativity, communication, perseverance and best of all - it's fun! Please consult the table below to identify opportunities which may be of interest to your child. Thank you in advance to our wonderful teachers and tutors who voluntarily provide these opportunities for our students.

Note: sometimes there is a need to adjust this information. Keep an eye on Performing Arts News articles in future Waratah Weeklies to stay up-to-date with the most current information for these ensembles.

Musical

College Musical rehearsal is held each Monday afternoon from 2.45 pm until 5.30 pm Term 1. New cast members (students in Years 5 and 6 2020 and students who are new to the College in Years 7-11 in 2020) are still able to participate if they attend our next Monday rehearsal, Monday, 10 February. There is no need for these new students to sign up, just come along to our next rehearsal. Students must be collected promptly at 5.30 pm by a parent or caregiver. If your child is travelling with someone else, please let Mrs Talbot and the staff know via a note in your child's diary.

Ensemble Name	Eligible Students	Rehearsals	Ensemble Leader
Musical	All students in Years 5-11 in the year in which the musical is performed.	Monday afternoon, Warne Auditorium (and various) 2.35 pm - 5.30 pm Terms 1 and 4	Mrs Talbot
Primary Choir	All students in Years 3-6	Monday lunchtime, Melba 1	Mrs Apps
Primary Band	All students who play a band instrument or percussion in Years 5 - 6	Wednesday afternoon, Melba 4 - 2.45 pm - 3.30 pm	Mr Denley
Primary Strings	Students in Years 3-6 are invited to participate in this ensemble after demonstrating both skill and dedication either through the Stage 2 or Stage 3 Strings Program or private tuition	Friday lunchtime, Melba 4	Ms Bridge
Primary Dance	All students in Years 3-6	Friday lunchtime, Johnson Studio	Mrs Grant
Primary Drama	All students in Years 3-6 (numbers may be limited)	Tuesday lunchtime, Cuthbert	Mrs Aston
Art Club	All students in Years 7-12	Friday lunchtime, Melba 3	Mrs Ware and Mrs Taylor
Photography Club	All students in Years 7-12	Monday afternoon in Terms 2 and 3	Mrs Taylor
College Choir	All students in Years 7-12	Monday lunchtime, Melba 1	Miss Nelson
College Band	All students who play a band instrument or percussion in Years 7-12	Tuesday afternoon, Melba 4	Mr Grant
College Strings	All students who play a string instrument in Years 7-12	Thursday afternoon, Melba 4	Ms Bridge
Dance Company	Selected students from Years 7-12 who display outstanding dance technique and performance quality (based off audition).	Tuesday afternoon, Johnson Studio	Miss Valente
College Cheer	All students in Years 5-12	Wednesday afternoon, Johnson Studio	Miss Valente
Didgereedoo	Interested male students in Years 7-12	Wednesday lunchtime, Melba 1	Mr Denley
WAC Crew	All students in Years 7-12	On the job training at events	Mrs Talbot (<i>Student Leaders: Anastacia Lalic and Abby Cupitt</i>)
Set Design	All students in Years 7-11	Monday Afternoon, Terms 1& 4 in Melba 3	Mrs Ware and Mrs Taylor

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Cast members are required to wear their “blacks” to rehearsals (clothes that are appropriate to dance and move in). Mufti Day guidelines apply, including clothes that cover shoulders and the midriff area. The cast should also ensure they bring a healthy snack and a bottle of water to rehearsals. Please adhere to regular College food guidelines. Students have been reminded that exemplary behaviour is expected at rehearsals.



Students who attend rehearsal will be provided with a more detailed note with all expectations clearly outlined.

Australia Day Performance

Congratulations to Taylor Smetanin of Year 12 who sang the Australian Anthem beautifully as part of Picton Council's Australia Day celebrations. Thank you Taylor.

Young Belvoir Theatre Club

Two of our Year 12 students, Mekdes Geist and John Talbot have been accepted into Belvoir Theatre Company's Young Belvoir Theatre Club. Congratulations to both students who had to complete a comprehensive application process and were selected from a large group of applicants for this opportunity.

Year 11 and Year 12 Drama OnStage Excursion

On Friday, 14 December our Year 11 and Year 12 Drama students will have the opportunity to watch a showcase of exemplary HSC Drama major works from the 2019 HSC cohort titled OnStage. Students have received permission notes for this excursion which need to be returned by tomorrow.

Hollywood Bound National Dance Championships

Year 10 student Hayley Underwood competed in the Hollywood Bound National Dance Championships in January on the Gold Coast. She achieved excellent results placing 8th in Jazz and 2nd in Student Choreography. She also achieved pleasing marks in Broadway Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary and the Gifted & Talented section (acro dance routine with a score of 94/100 from each of the three judges).

Congratulations Hayley!

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Director of Performing Arts T-12

DANCE - CALLBACK

Next Thursday, 13 February, Year 11 Dance and Year 12 Dance will be attending an evening performance of *Callback* at the Seymour Centre which is a repertoire of exemplary HSC Dance performances, compositions and major study works including dance films from the 2019 cohort.



Students will be travelling by train with Miss Valente and are expected to meet at 4.00 pm at Macarthur Train Station. Students have also received permission notes with further details that need to be returned by Friday, 7 February.

Miss Kara Valente
Dance Teacher



WAC Kids Care Program

Students from Year 9 upwards are invited to participate in the College WAC Kids Care Program that is running on a Wednesday at the College after hours. Students will be working with the WAC staff in a WAC ministry meals program that will involve cooking meals to go out to families in crisis situations.

The program is a voluntary contribution that students can make to the wider community and students do not have to be studying Hospitality or Food Technology in order to attend. In fact, some students may like to use this time to develop some new skills.

Before beginning meal preparation students will complete the necessary safety and hygiene requirements to be working in a commercial kitchen, and learn about mass production and food catering.

Through this program the students are not only practising their kitchen skills, but they are also assisting and providing an important community service. I would personally like to encourage the students to get involved with this program and look forward to working with each Wednesday afternoon.

Students who are interested in being involved should see me for a letter of participation which will need to be signed by a parent/guardian before they begin the program

Mrs Kelly Evans
TAS Coordinator

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, Lentils, Quinoa
Canned Vegetables eg kidney beans, corn
Base tomato sauces eg Passata
Other base sauces eg Sweet and Sour
Chicken, Beef, Vegetable Stock
Flour, Cornflour
Salt, Pepper
Sugar
Tinned Fruit
Sultanas
Eggs

A basket is located at the Student Reception. 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 Cares Organiser

LIBRARY NEWS



Primary Libraries

Borrowing is back in full swing this week. T-2 will need their green library bags in order to borrow. All new students will receive theirs this week. Years 3 and 4 can use their green library bag or zip-up plastic sleeve. Years 5 and 6 do not have to have the library bag but can use it if they wish. We will be calling for Library Monitor applications from Year 6 students this week.

Lunchtimes in the Primary Libraries:

Monday Lunch 2	Years 1-4 Lego Club in Elizabeth Downstairs
Tuesday Lunch 2	Years 3-6 in Elizabeth Library
Wednesday Lunch 2	Years K-2 in Cook Library
Thursday Lunch 2	Years 3-6 in Elizabeth Library
Friday Lunch 2	Years K-2 in Cook Library

Secondary Libraries

Johnson is open for borrowing on Wednesday morning during Roll Call. Sturt and Johnson Libraries are open at Lunch 2 on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for Years 7-10.

Johnson is for homework and quiet reading. Sturt is a Makerspace with activities and competitions held throughout the year and also has board games including chess. Flynn Library is for Years 11 and 12.

For more information on the Libraries visit: <https://libguides.wac.nsw.edu.au/library>

Mrs Justine Colombo
College Librarian



AUF DEUTSCH BITTE!

Welcome back to 2020 and another year of learning a language. As part of the College program we also offer the opportunity to host a student from our sister school. Thank you to the families who have already offered to host someone. However, we still have two lovely students who would love to come to Australia and are looking for a host family for three months.

The students would make a financial contribution to their host family to offset any costs involved in hosting. Usually the students arrive just before the end of Term 2, spend the July College holidays with your family (so you can show them our part of Australia) and then leave towards the end of Term 3. Please consider these two applicants:

Alina Kehrer (FEMALE) 14 years old - enjoys soccer, board games & tennis, but cannot host an exchange partner

Isabel Reich (FEMALE) 15 years old - enjoys swimming, dancing, handicrafts, but cannot host an exchange partner

Although it is lovely if these girls could have their own room, it is possible for them to share a bedroom with another girl.

College families who have previously hosted, have enjoyed the experience and many have later gone on to visit their German student in Germany.

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

Mrs Carolyn Clark
German Teacher

INFORMATION FROM THE CAREERS ROOM

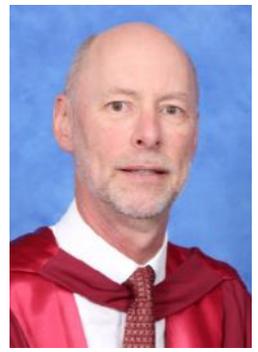
University of Wollongong Discovery Day

On Tuesday, 4 February most of the Year 12 cohort visited the Wollongong Campus of the University of Wollongong to attend the 2020 Discovery Day.

As the name suggests this was an ideal opportunity for our students to familiarise themselves with the basics of University life - the vast range of degree and subject options, the layout of a University campus and most importantly where to buy a good lunch or great coffee. No doubt there will be plenty of questions arise as a result of the visit and I encourage all of these students to discuss any concerns with me in the future.

Mr Russell and I wish to thank all the students for their excellent behaviour and we hope that they found the day as rewarding as we did.

Dr Rob Bearlin
Careers Coordinator



FLOWERS NEWS

You may notice that some menu items have risen in price. These are mostly in the salad and sandwich section. We aim to provide you with fresh, good quality produce and in doing so it is inevitable that prices must rise from time to time. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Gluten free options are available. We now have a gluten free croutons option for the Caesar Salads if required. If you have any questions or would like to look at labels for a special diet, intolerance or allergy please drop by the Canteen and have a chat with me.

New to the Canteen are 'SnapStix' These are sour iceblocks made from fruit juice and have a five star rating. They are priced at 80 cents each or two for \$1.50.

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

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.

Calling all volunteers - we need your assistance for Term 1, 2020. If you are available to help out in the Canteen, 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 is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Carolyn Richards, Canteen Supervisor
Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy.



SECONDARY SPORT



MISA Teams

This Tuesday we ran trials for the nine MISA teams for this Term. These team lists have been emailed to students and are also on the sports noticeboard. Students are required to have the relevant protective equipment for their sport. This includes items such as shin pads and the College socks for Hockey. Students may also bring their own relevant sporting equipment or alternatively can use the College equipment for their sport.

2020 Sport is changing - Elective Sport Options

This year the College Sports program has changed. Students not participating in MISA will now need to elect their sport for the Term. Years 7 and 8 have had the opportunity to sign up on Wednesday, whilst Years 9 and 10 will do so tomorrow (Friday). If a student does not sign up for a sport they will be allocated a sport for the term. Students will not be permitted to change sport groups so they must consider their choice carefully.

Secondary Swimming Carnival

On Friday, 21 February we will be holding our Secondary Swimming Carnival. Students must return their permission notes by Friday, 14 February. Students wishing to participate in the 200m Freestyle and 200m IM need to be at the pool and marshalled ready to race by 8.00 am. Students who place first in their event (or top two in 50m Freestyle) will qualify for the NASSA Championships. Please note this is a night event on 26 February. Students who qualify will need to wear either plain black or the College Swimmers along with the College swim cap on the night.

Tuesday Sport notes

A reminder that all students in Years 7-12 must return their Tuesday Sport note by TODAY Thursday, 6 February. Spares can be collected from the Office if you have misplaced your note. Any student in 7-10 who does not return their note will not be permitted to attend sport and will complete a Sport Detention next Tuesday, during sport time.

NASSA Tennis Gala Day

We will be sending two teams, male and female, to the NASSA Tennis Gala Day on Friday, 28 February. Students interested in trialling for this event must see Mr Goldsbrough to register their interest. This is an Open event, accessible to all Secondary students. Playing experience is essential to be considered for the trial.

Congratulations to Dominic Guido (Year 9) who during the holidays competed as part of the Australian side at the 2019 Fiji Soccer Cup. His efforts on the pitch included being the equal highest goal scorer for the tournament. Congratulations Dominic.



Mr Mark Goldbrough Secondary Sports Coordinator

Upcoming Events

Friday, 11 February	MISA Round 1
Friday, 14 February	NASSA Open Basketball Trials
	CIS Open Girls Cricket Trials
Friday, 21 February	WAC Swimming Carnival
Tuesday, 25 February	CIS Softball Trials
Wednesday, 26 February	NASSA Swimming (PM Event)
	NSW All Schools Triathlon
Thursday, 27 February	NSW All Schools Triathlon
Friday, 28 February	NASSA Tennis Gala Day



PRIMARY MATTERS



Homework K-6 Policy

Homework is used to help students establish patterns of self disciplined work for later years at the College when they will be required to do assignments and study. It is also an opportunity for work that has been done at during class to be reinforced. Skills such as reading need repetition and practise.

Research shows that children who read and listen to stories with a parent on a regular basis are more successful readers than those who do not. Maths skills such as basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts also need repetition. By practising for 5-10 minutes a day can help cement instant recall of these basic facts.

The following are the expectations for K-6 Homework at WAC. All students are expected to do homework four days per week usually Monday to Thursday). Incomplete homework will have consequences for students and notes will be made in the diary to alert parents.

Teachers understand that at times students may not be able to complete homework. A note in the diary is appreciated.

The estimated time students should be spending per day on homework is:

Kindergarten:	10 minutes
Stage 1:	10 minutes
Stage 2:	15-20 minutes
Stage 3:	20-30 minutes

Reading time is extra above this.

Stage 2 and Stage 3 students also have musical instruments to practise with. We would ask that parents encourage their children in this.

Homework activities will include spelling lists, sometimes sentences may be written and simple maths activities based on the work they are doing in class or the practise of basic skills. Internet based activities may also be used.

Some students enjoy homework so much they want more. Optional activities can be done by these students. Parents (or the student in older years) should notify the teacher if they have had difficulties with any of the set homework. This also includes taking significantly longer than the times stated above. Students should not continue to work past the times above, unless the parent feels they have been unfocused.

Parents are encouraged to listen to K-4 students read. Other homework should generally be managed by the students themselves. Teachers will mark the homework. This may occur during class-time with students marking their own work (this allows students to know where they have made mistakes). Parents are welcome to check work, although it is not expected.

Homework club is available on Wednesdays for students in Years 3-6. Please register by emailing Mr Matthews: m.matthews@wac.nsw.edu.au

Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Director of Teaching and Learning T-6

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Wollondilly Anglican College is currently accepting applications for a Full Time Administration Assistant/Receptionist position.

For further details please go to the Employment page on the College's website <https://www.wac.nsw.edu.au/about-us/leadership-staff/employment/>

Applications close Wednesday, 12 February 2020.

Mr Geoff Adams
Business Manger



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 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.

Mrs Kristy Biddle
Enrolments Officer



YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

Year 7 vaccinations will be held on Wednesday, 26 February. Please return completed vaccination forms to Student Reception. If you do not return the form, your child will NOT be vaccinated.

Students are to wear sports uniform on the day so that they feel comfortable and to ensure easy access to student's arm. Please ensure that your child has breakfast on Vaccination Day.

If your child is particularly anxious about the vaccinations please come and see me in the Student Reception.

Mrs Sally Lloyd
College Nurse



STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking has commenced again for 2020. Students can drop off their bank books in at Student Reception every Wednesday morning.

Bank books will be returned via the student's class teachers.

Mrs Leanne Molluso
Student Reception Supervisor



TRAFFIC SAFETY ALERT 2020



To assist us to make it easier and safer for everyone, please follow the instructions below. Also, if you know of any new families starting this year, please pass this message on.

1. **The peak** traffic time is between 7.45 am and 8.15 am. Avoid this time if you can
2. **To save last minute rushing and traffic, COME EARLIER!** Easier to find parking and more relaxed.
3. **Don't park** out on Remembrance Drive. It is a **NO STOPPING** zone. **Yesterday, a child was witnessed by a parent running across in front of traffic while the mother was distracted getting something out of the car parked across from the College entrance.**
4. **College roadway speed limit** is 10kph which basically is crawling speed.
5. **Be aware of your children** in the carpark areas. Please don't let them run around the bus bay and cars parking spaces.
6. **Crossing carparks** between vehicles is very risky as drivers travelling through them don't see you till you emerge from behind the vehicle, especially high vehicles.
7. **Children being left in cars alone** while the parent walks into the College to pick up siblings is a dangerous practice and will be reported to police.
8. **Do not chat in carpark areas** as kids get bored and run around cars while waiting for you.
9. **There are two set down and pickup areas** at the front of the College, one in front of White Cottage and the other around the flag poles. We have now made two A frame signs outlining what to do and not do. The west end of the bus bay can be used for quick drop offs but **please do not get in the way of the buses.**



Please understand: Our main purpose is to ensure safety on College grounds for everyone. The carparks and roadways are high risk areas which require strict rules. We have been blessed these past 13 years with no major incident inside or outside of the College. Let's all work together with patience to keeping it this way.

Mr Fred Schroder
Property Manger/WHS Coordinator

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 to assist. Confidentiality will be respected.

- **MW Physie and Dance (Australian Physie and Dance)**

Registrations are now open for girls (5 years and up) and ladies who enjoy dance and exercise classes. Classes held in Bargo, Picton and Oran Park. Please visit the website for more Information mwphysieanddance.com.

Where: Bargo Community Hall - Wednesdays

Girls Classes -

5-8 yrs - 4.00 pm till 5.00 pm

9-12 yrs - 5.00 pm till 6.00 pm

13-15 yrs - 6.00 pm till 7.00 pm

Picton Shire Hall - Mondays

Ladies Class -

6.30 pm till 8.30 pm

- **Safer Internet Day 2020**

Where: Wollondilly Library Service

When: Tuesday, 11 February

Cost: Free

Phone 4677 9613 or 4677 9514 for more information.

- **Tahmoor Netball Club**

If you are aged between 5-16 years and would like to play netball this year, please contact the Tahmoor Netball Club via their email Tahmoor.netballclub@gmail.com or follow the registration link on our Facebook page: Tahmoor Netball Club "Wildcats". Tahmoor Netball Club accepts the Active Kids Vouchers. The upcoming competition starts on Saturday, 28 March and runs through to September. Please don't hesitate to contact the club via the above email address if you have any questions.

- **Learner Driver Log Book Run**

Do you find it difficult to make time to take your learner for a driving lesson?

Council is running a learner driver log book run event on Sunday, 23 February 2020.

As well as spending quality time together, included is a planned route starting from Picton (Council).

The route is designed to offer learner drivers a range of driving experiences such as driving on local rural roads with unsealed shoulders, an unsealed road, limited linemarking, traffic lights and across narrow bridges.

The cost is free and starts with registration at 10.00 am.

The event concludes around 12.30 pm - 1.00 pm with light refreshments included.

Bookings are essential. For further information, please contact Council's Road Safety Officer on 4677 9588 or email roadsafety@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

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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.

P&F *...friendraising and fundraising*

Welcome to Term 1, 2020

P&F Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool is ready for you to save some money on uniforms!! We stock second hand uniforms as well as New Socks and Ties!

Thank you for the donations over the holidays, and keep them rolling in over the Term. You can leave good quality donations at the Clothing Pool during opening hours or at Student Reception.

Welcome to our new volunteers Cristina and Stephanie, it is great to see more parents becoming involved with the College! Thank you to our continuing shop volunteers Jodie, Sharon, Janise and our behind the scenes helper Annette who does repairs and washing, your help is much appreciated!

Clothing Pool Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings - 7.45 am to 8.30 am

Located at the side windows of White Cottage - opposite the Canteen.
Payment can be made by CASH or EFTPOS !!

Volunteering at the Clothing Pool is a great way to contribute to the College community, meet other parents and doesn't take much time. More volunteers will help towards opening on other days!

If you would like to be a part of the Clothing Pool team contact Melissa on 0415 402 013.

Volunteers Needed!



Business Directory

If you would like to advertise your business through the Waratah Weekly, please drop off to Student Reception and place in P&F Letterbox a business card and in 30 words or less a description of your business. Businesses will be selected randomly to be advertised.

HEADMASTER HAPPENINGS



February

Thursday, 6	Middle Chapel Student enrolment Interviews 2021 (Evening) Year 7 2020 Information Evening
Friday, 7	Student enrolment Interviews 2021 Junior Chapel (Evening) Farewell to Moire
Saturday, 8	Race meeting at Eastern Creek (Evening) College Exec function
Monday, 10	Student enrolment Interviews 2021 Meeting with Youthworks at WAC
Tuesday, 11	Student enrolment Interviews 2021 Headmaster and College Chairman meet
Wednesday, 12	Student enrolment Interviews 2021 College Executive Meeting Evening: Visit Year 7 Camp
Thursday, 13	Prefects Induction Day at St Andrews Cathedral
Friday, 14	Primary Swimming Carnival Open Student enrolment Interviews 2021 Primary Swimming Carnival Close
Saturday, 15	Heads of Independent Co-Educational Schools (HICES) at Arndell
Sunday, 16	HICES at Arndell Anglican College
Monday, 17	HICES at Arndell Anglican College

MITTAGONG ANGLICAN CHURCH

Contact: Children's Minister Rochelle Fussell, 0439 455 005 or rf@mittang.com.au. 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 after school 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 Spaced Out adventure.

WOLLONDILLY ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

PO Box 43, Bargo NSW 2574
Reverend Stephen Swanepoel

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PRETEND HEADMASTERS



Pretend Headmasters - Seth Challinor (KH), Ivy Chalmers (KH) and James Reid (KH) super excited to end the week praising God at Junior Chapel which will now be held on each Friday from 1.35 pm. They hope to see you there!

Prayer Points

Please Thank God:

- That He is the God of relationships - Father/Son/Holy Spirit
- For the ongoing work of the police, SES and RFS
- He has given us the gift of communication
- For a new year and a fresh start



Please Ask God:

- That we may disconnect from social media and the digital world long enough to reconnect with Him, with friends and with family
- To be with the Anglican Schools' Corporation and the Wollondilly Anglican College Council as they conduct a search for the next College leader
- To be with the local and regional Emergency Services and Fire Fighters as they keep our country safe
- To be with families as they seek to keep the connection between parents and kids (and to help them with the tough love often needed to pull the plug on social media)

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.