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THE WARATAH WEEKLY

A New Chapter

Small Beginnings/Big Changes



Mr T. van Netten - Senior Formal Assembly Speech 2020

Small Beginnings/Big Changes. Ghandi said *"Be the change you want to see in the world"*. In the Bible Paul encourages Timothy by saying *"Let no one despise you for your youth, but be an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity"*. Jesus talked about the mustard seed in Matthew, saying *"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed... the smallest of all seeds. But when it's grown, it's the largest of all vegetable plants. It becomes a tree so that the birds in the sky come and nest in its branches."* And in Zechariah it also says *"Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin."*

In the journey of life, things happen that cause change. Sometimes this change can start out quite small but end up changing the world, like something beginning with C and ending with 19. I don't want to cover any ground on this topic however. Instead, I'd like to focus on positive change.

Boyan Slat was scuba diving on a reef one day when he was 16 and was disappointed at the amount of rubbish clogging up the waterways. He asked himself - why can't we do something about this? Why can't we clean this up? Initially, most people's reactions to this were quite negative and along the lines of 'it's not possible' and 'unfortunately, that's just the way things are'. Thankfully, though, Boyan decided not to give up and continued pondering the conundrum. He came up with initial plans when he was 16 and at school. By the time he was 18 he had invented a system for capturing waste in rivers before it even hit the ocean. At 18 he founded an environmental group called *The Ocean Cleanup*. Its purpose was to continue developing and deploying this system. At age 25, Boyan announced 'The Interceptor' (cool name) - an affordable, autonomous and self-sustained device that would capture huge amounts of waste in some of the worst parts of the world.

Now, why am I telling you about a Dutch inventor that made something really cool? Well, what stood out to me when I heard this story was Boyan's age. He was only 16 when he decided that he could make a change. When he decided that he wasn't too young to do anything about a big problem he saw before his eyes. When he decided to start with a small beginning - a high school project that proposed to clean up rubbish from waterways. Boyan's *small beginning* is now cleaning up 50+ tons of rubbish every day - with a goal to cleaning 90% of the world's plastic rubbish within the next 20 years. I'm sure you'd agree that this small initiative by a 16 year old is now having quite a profound impact on the world.

Boyan's age of deciding to make change at 16 is quite a similar age to many of our senior students. You are each in the formative years of life, and while it might not have hit home yet - you are becoming young adults in your own individual ways. It is a time to begin standing up as the unique individual that God has made you to be and embrace the changes and challenges of life with a positive mindset. If I can encourage you towards one key thought - it's to not underestimate yourself! Don't sell yourself short and think that your 'small beginning' cannot have a 'big change'. This could be as simple as a smile or a chat with a friend in need, or thanking your teacher, or pursuing an idea, or simply leading by example and allowing God's light to shine through you.

I've already seen each of you take part in initiatives like this throughout the term in the Pastoral Program. You each participated towards making a difference in the local communities and beyond. Some of you planted veggie patches and trees, some of you helped clean up the College and initiated recycling programs, some of you made fun games to add some positivity to primary classes and some of you worked together to host a *Makers Market* that raised \$2,200 towards *Hope Street* and the *African Aids Foundation*. Just like the planting of a small tree or the small beginning of Boyan's idea - your actions can have a profound and positive impact on those around you. Your collective group has taken small ideas and turned them into meaningful and impactful contributions towards those around you.

I'd like to remind you not to discredit the impact of small things that you do, whether good or bad, and to encourage you to focus on positive initiatives and consider the big change that can come from humble beginnings. Go beyond just being the change that 'you' want to see, and leave room for the change that God wants to do in your life. I love the imagery of the mustard tree because it is able to benefit those around it as well. So, do not despise the small beginnings of wherever you are in life - for God rejoices to see the work begin and He wants to strengthen you to become the unique person that He has made you to be.



FROM THE INTERIM HEADMASTER

Mayoral Reception for High Achievers

On Monday evening the HSC High Achievers of Wollondilly Shire were honoured at a Mayoral Reception. All students who live within the Shire and who achieve a Band 6 result in the HSC, are invited to attend the event each year.

This year the event was held at Wollondilly Anglican College and students from WAC, St Gregory's College, Mt Annan Christian College, Magdalene Catholic College, Picton High School and Macarthur Anglican School were invited to receive certificates and a gift in recognition of their achievements.

We had 11 of our 16 Wollondilly students attend. It was great to catch up with them again.

Congratulations to all our High Achievers.

Mr Ian Croger Interim Headmaster



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Welcome to Wollondilly Anglican College for 2021.

We would like to invite you to join us for a 'Meet and Greet' over tea, coffee and some sweet treats. We hope to give you an opportunity to meet other families within the College and we encourage you to take the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing chat and a cuppa.

We look forward to meeting new people, catching up with familiar faces and hearing your ideas for the future P&F events and what you would like the P&F to be doing for our students and families.

Meet & Greet Morning Tea - COVID safe

When: Wednesday 10, February at 8.10 am
Where: FLOWERS Cafeteria

Please join us for morning tea

Mr Bill Norman
P&F President



FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY'S DESK



Learning is a Choice

The start of the year also brings the chance for a fresh start. An opportunity to set good routines, be proactive in communicating with teachers, developing good study habits, looking for ways to grow. My encouragement at this time of year is reflect back over 2020, celebrate the successes but more importantly look for ways to improve in 2021. Brian Herbert, an American author is credited with the following saying:

'The capacity to learn is a gift; The ability to learn is a skill; The willingness to learn is a choice'
As our creator, we can be thankful that God has blessed each of us with a capacity to learn. Some may learn faster, in different ways but we all have the capacity. As a College we strive to develop and grow within each of the students the skills to learn. The teachers are passionate about each student's learning, use that passion! The final piece of the puzzle, and I would argue the most important, is to arrive at the College each day and make a conscious choice to be willing to learn. Make the most of the capacity you have been given, put in practice the skills you are taught and make a willing choice to learn

Primary and Year 7 Information Videos

I would like to thank the teachers and Mr Hitchins for the hard work in putting together the information videos. We trust you found these informative and provided direction for the year ahead. If you haven't yet had a chance to view the videos I would encourage you to do this over the coming days. It would be helpful to watch these with your child, engaging in their start to the year. While restrictions remain on Parent and Teacher interactions, we are fortunate to have the technology to interact in some form.

Use Of Mobile Phones

Students are reminded that mobile phones need to be turned off while at the College. Our server does not have a finite number of device connections and with the continued growth we are getting close to capacity. If you have joined the student Wifi previously on your phone, then your phone maybe automatically connecting when you arrive on site. It would be appreciated if students 'forget' the network in their phone settings to ensure all students have access to the Wifi.

Mr Paul Burns Acting Deputy Headmaster

How to get your new Wollondilly Anglican College app

Follow these simple steps to quickly and easily set up your new app.

GET IT ON Google Play

Download on the App Store

STEP 1
Search & Download
Search for your school on the Apple App Store or Google Play to download the app.

STEP 2
Sign In
Sign in using your Wollondilly Anglican College login details.

STEP 3
Turn On Notifications
Log in to your Edumate settings, click Notifications and turn on the Notifications that you would like to see in your app.

Notifications Settings

Alerts

Permissions

Stay Connected
You will now receive the latest updates and information from your school. Everything you need to stay in the loop is all in one handy place.

College Event Calendar - Term 1 2021

Mark Your Diary

College

Wednesday, 10 February	P&F Meet and Greet
Wednesday, 3 March	P&F AGM
Friday, 12 March	World's Greatest Shave
Saturday, 20 March	Working Bee
	Duke of Ed Training
Sunday, 21 March	Thirlmere Festival of Steam
Friday, 26 March	Family Chapel
Saturday, 27 March to Sunday, 28 March	Bronze Duke of Ed Hike
Thursday, 1 April	Last Day of Term 1
Friday, 2 April	Good Friday

Primary

Friday, 12 February	Primary Swimming Carnival
Thursday, 1 April	Primary Cross Country T-2 Cross Country Carnival

Secondary

Wednesday, 10 Feb to Friday, 12 February	Year 7 Camp
Friday, 19 February	Secondary Swimming Carnival
Monday, 1 March to Wednesday, 3 March	Year 9 Camp
Friday, 12 March	Year 11 Drug Education Seminar
Monday, 22 March	Year 7 Vaccinations
Thursday, 1 April	Secondary Cross Country Carnival



TEACHING AND LEARNING 7-12



Organisation is an integral part of being in the Secondary Years. Regardless of whether a student is in Year 12 or have only recently joined us in Year 7, organisation can really assist in quality teaching and learning. A few simple points to follow and to discuss with your child:

- Students should be reading their Edumate timetable and packing their bags with the correct books and equipment the night before. A reminder that the College operates on a Week A and a Week B schedule.
- Students should also be checking broadcasts messages about important meetings and lunchtime activities that may be occurring. This is best done at least twice a day - in the morning and in the evening or afternoon
- Use the College diary to write down important events and dates. Note when assignments are coming up, when homework is due or when you have a topic quiz or test coming up and complete revision work leading up to this event.
- Don't leave assignments and assessment tasks to the night before they are due. Where possible submit a draft of your task to your teacher for early feedback and discuss suggested changes with them. This will also help to ensure you are on the right track with the task that has been issued.
- Get into a homework and study routine early. While a student may not have 'homework' as such, they can always be revising content that has been taught in class that day.
- Write a weekly or daily list of tasks that need prioritising - a list is helpful so you can allocate your time accordingly.
- Factor into your time schedule things such as activities and sporting commitments, homework and assessment tasks.
- Have a clean and organised study or homework area - with adequate lighting, no distractions (TV, phones or tablets), limited noise and students should be sitting on a comfortable chair.

Many things that lead to quality teaching and learning in a school environment and organisation is a key success factor in starting well.

Year 11

Students in Year 11 will be working with an organisation called '**Elevate Education**' who are coming in to present to the students with a seminar on study skills, organisation and time management. This will occur at the College on **Wednesday, 10 February** during the normal College day. Following this presentation Mr van Netten and I will be working with the students in some follow up activities and looking to implement some of the strategies talked about in the seminar.

Year 7

All students in Year 7 have completed an intensive 'My Tech' program, which is to get them on board with the College's digital platform. Students have been shown how to use CANVAS the platform that is used by all secondary teachers across the College. CANVAS is used in all KLA's (Key Learning Areas) slightly differently but through this mechanism students will have access to things like course content, some have videos and slide shows, assessment tasks, topic text and quizzes and even announcements to the class from the teacher.

It is important that all Year 7 students know how to access this platform and use it. Secondly, it is vital that students come to the College with their devices charged.

Mrs Kelly Evans

Acting Director of Teacher and Learning 7-12

PASTORAL CARE T-12



Working in Partnership

As we commence a new year, I thought it would be useful to provide a series of articles that assist parents to understand our Pastoral structures and ensure that they are familiar with the expectations and responsibilities within these areas. This week we will focus on the Discipline System.

In the student diary there are a set of Guidelines for Students with accompanying College Expectations. The guidelines are regularly referred to by staff when working through matters with students. Breaches by students in these areas can lead to disciplinary action.

How can parents assist?

- Familiarise yourself with the guidelines
- Read the guidelines in the diary and discuss these with your child/ren
- Support staff when contacted regarding breaches of these guidelines or behaviour that is not in line with College expectations
- Provide consequences at home to complement College consequences to reinforce the need for consistent behaviour in all settings

Formal Detentions are issued to students for breaches of the Student Guidelines or for behaviours of a significant nature. This can involve patterns of behaviour or individual incidents. A Formal Detention is significant and in our system results in different levels of intervention. Formal Detentions are served during lunch-time and involve the students completing a reflection activity, along with having their diaries signed by a number of stakeholders including parents.

Three Formal Detentions result in an Afternoon Detention, six Formal Detentions a Saturday Detention and nine Formal Detentions Suspension from the College. If these are accumulated across a Semester the above are the outcomes. At the Afternoon and Saturday level, students will be placed on behaviour monitoring cards and report to the Pastoral Team on a daily basis. Parents will be contacted during this process and meet with the relevant Year Patron/Pastoral Care Coordinator.

If a student receives an Afternoon or Saturday Detention the College expectation is that they attend this on the designated date. It is asked that parents **do not ask** for exemption or an alternative for this consequence, it is our expectation that the student attend.

The system and structures are in place to encourage students to make positive choices and to address patterns of behaviour that may not be meeting College expectations. This is where parental and staff unity and working in partnership can ensure a consistent message is being received by the student.

Another area where the support of parents and partnering with staff at the College is important is with regard to uniform. The College has clear Uniform Guidelines that promote personal presentation and support our College Distinctive of Pride in Belonging. Parents being aware of, supportive and enforcing these prior to students attending the College is very helpful in ensuring that time is not wasted by staff following up such matters unnecessarily.

Students receive uniform infringements for breaches of the Uniform Guidelines. The details of these are in the student diary. Students serve lunch-time Detentions at three, six and nine uniform infringements. Students that receive nine uniform infringements in a semester are demonstrating a pattern of ongoing disobedience relating to the College expectations. This results in students receiving a Formal Detention and being removed from the playground during breaks for the remainder of that Semester.

How can parents assist?

- Familiarise yourself with the Uniform Guidelines
- Read the guidelines in the diary and discuss these with your child/ren
- Remind the students of these prior to coming to the College if you recognise an issue
- Support the staff and College around the guidelines by not permitting or condoning choices that are outside of the guidelines
- If contacted regarding an issue or breach of these, please address the issue immediately and be supportive in your interaction with the staff member

Partnership involves all stakeholders playing their role. A focus on students' learning and teachers' teaching can be greatly enhanced when students are maintaining the expectations and standards of the College in these areas and parents are supporting and enforcing these at home.

Mr Liam Toland
Director of Pastoral Care T-12



Supporting children returning to school

Welcome back to a new school year. This time of year can be stressful for a lot of different reasons, and a lot of people may be feeling anxiety. Students will be feeling anxious, but parents and teachers may be feeling equally anxious. Here are a number of tips to help deal with the anxiety of returning to school.

If you think going back to school is OK, so will your child

Back to school usually means falling into a familiar routine, but it may take a while to settle into that routine. If your child is nervous about returning, communicate with calm words and actions that it is okay. This will significantly increase their chances of a smooth transition.

Friendship groups may have shifted

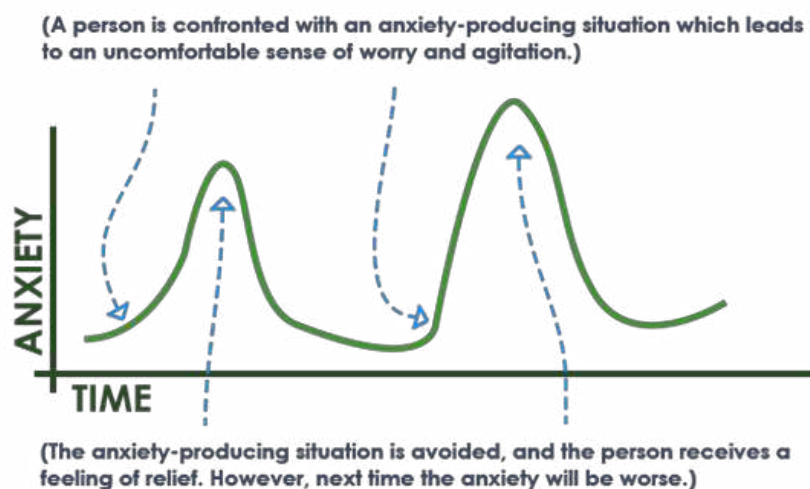
While schoolwork is an important part of school, relationships are equally important. There may be increased anxiety when children think about their position in class or small friendship groups. Changes in friendship groups is common from year to year, and talking about these shifts will help kids adapt and be open to change.

Tailor support to your child's communication style

Some kids will be eager to tell you about their day, while others will be more reserved, and almost monosyllabic. However anxious you are to find out how it went, keep it low-key with quiet kids. Talking about how your day went, including how you dealt with any situations that made you feel anxious, gives them the message that you are ready to listen to their concerns whenever they are ready to share them. Giving them space after College may also help them to recharge their social battery and be more open to talking later in the day. Other children might talk a lot about worries and need help containing them so that they don't spiral. To help with this, ask them to write down (or draw) their worries and save them for regular check-ins.

Support your child to face their worries

Periods of separation can make both parents and children anxious. As parents, our job is to help children tolerate anxiety and understand the bigger picture. If your child is nervous about going back to school, find out why. Make a worry list, in size order (it's often a revelation as major worries for them may seem insignificant to you). Avoidance is never the answer when anxiety is in the mix. The thought of something is often more worrying than doing it, so support your child calmly, kindly and firmly back to school using a step-by-step plan. Avoidance can feel good in the short term, but can often lead to increased anxiety in the long term.



For more tips, you can go to www.kidshealth.org

Mr Mitchell Barnes
Educational Psychologist

COLLEGE MUSIC TUTORS

Welcome back to a busy year in Music at the College. We have so many exciting opportunities for your child to develop their Creative skills this year. Our list of Music Tutors has grown to include a specialist Brass tutor Christian Brasche and another Piano tutor Stephanie Dwyer, as well as our regular tutors:



College Music Tutors for 2021

Jillian Bridge	Violin and Viola
Catherine Barnett	Cello
Michael Watkin	Piano, Woodwind and Flute (Clarinet and Saxophone)
Michael Griffiths	Drums
Daniel Wilms	Guitar and Bass Guitar
Tammy Nelson	Voice
Christian Brasche	Brass (Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Tuba)
Stephanie Dwyer	Piano

If you would like your child to learn a musical instrument please visit the College Website to view the tutors' terms and conditions and application forms, then bring those forms to Mrs Molluso at Student Reception of the enrolment process. Just a reminder that parents pay the tutor directly and we ask that all invoices are paid within three weeks of being issued, non-payment may result in the lessons not being provided until the fees are up-to-date.

The procedures for students attending lessons are as follows: Once all the paperwork is returned to the College Office parents are then asked to contact the tutor directly to discuss their child's lessons. Once this has taken place the tutor contacts has the student placed on their tuition list. We ask parents not to request specific times or days for their child's lessons as this makes the lesson roster unworkable. Music tuition times are published in the daily Broadcasts and displayed on the Melba staffroom notice board. Each tutor also has a set of Terms and Conditions that parents are asked to sign prior to their child commencing lessons.

The benefits of learning a musical instrument are very well documented, with literacy and numeracy benefits being just the start of the academic and social benefits for your child. If you are unsure about what instrument your child should play, please make an appointment with Mr Denley to discuss what might be suitable for your child.

To learn more about the music for your child, please view the following TED Talk:
https://www.ted.com/talks/anita_collins_how_playing_an_instrument_benefits_your_brain?language=en#t-2655

Have a great musical year, be interesting and learn an instrument, have fun with music and enjoy being creative.

If you have any questions about music and the benefits of learning an instrument contact Mr Denley at s.denley@wac.nsw.edu.au or 4623 0226 for a chat.

Mr Simon Denley
Creative Arts and LOTE Coordinator

YEARS 3-4 STRING PROGRAM AND YEARS 5-6 BAND AND STRING EXTENSION PROGRAM 2021



Teacher Expectations

As parents we all want to help our children succeed at whatever they turn their minds to.

So as a teacher and a parent I wanted to detail for you the expectations for the Year 3 and Year 4 String Program and the Year 5 and Year 6 Band and Extension String Program.

The cognitive benefits of learning a musical instrument, in a structured environment, cannot be over stated. Improved literacy and numeracy outcomes, greater engagement in classroom activities and an enhanced sense of self-worth are just a few to mention.

These positive results do not just happen. We as teachers need your help as parents. For students in Years 3 and 4 I would like you to remind your child to practise their instrument at least four times per week for a minimum of 10 to 15 minutes. Each week our music tutors will have given your child clear learning expectations and routines to follow to enhance their learning capabilities on their chosen instrument. Therefore, just as you would train for a sport, you need to encourage your child to practise or train on their musical instrument. A little and often is the motto here.

Encourage them and if possible listen to them play their pieces weekly. You will be amazed at the progress they make.

In Years 5 and 6 the expectation is a little more. If possible, we would like your child to undertake four 20 minute practice sessions per week. Again, consistency is the key here. We all have busy schedules, but a regular study routine can really help your child feel in control of the tasks set for them by the music tutors and their practice will be rewarded with positive results as the year progresses.

One last request, if I may. I would like you to sign your child's College diary to tell our music tutors and classroom teachers that your child has done their practice during the week. This will help us maintain the high standards we have come to expect from our superb Music programs at the College.

I hope that you as parents get great joy from seeing your children achieve their best by putting in the effort and dedication required in any subject, but the pleasure one gets from hearing the progress made in music by a consistent and conscientious effort is indescribable. I hope that you as parents really get on-board, and give your child the best chance of achieving by supporting teaching staff in this great program.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me at s.denley@wac.nsw.edu.au or call on 4623 0226.

Have a great musical year.

Mr Simon Denley
Creative Arts and LOTE Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club orders due Thursday, 18 February

The Book Club Issue 1 catalogue will be handed out this week during Primary Library Lessons. Secondary students can find them at Student Reception and Johnson and Flynn Libraries, and should select the class 'secondary' when ordering. All orders are to be made online or through the LOOP App. Orders due Thursday, 18 February.



Clear Contact Covering (3 metre rolls) available to purchase

The College has received a generous donation of 3m clear contact rolls, suitable for covering student workbooks. Students are able to purchase these from the Clothing Pool in White Cottage at a cost of \$2.00 per 3m roll. All proceeds will go to the P&F Association.

Mrs Justine Colombo
College Librarian

PERFORMANCE ARTS 2021

I am encouraging all Wollondilly students to get involved in Performing Arts in 2021!

We have an exciting new program of performance events including Term-based online concerts for each of our ensembles. This will provide our ensembles with more performance opportunities than ever before!

Involvement in Performing Arts ensembles has been linked to improved student engagement with school, an improved sense of well being, and improved social skills. Not only is it good for our children, but it is also really fun!

We have quite a number of ensembles available at the College in 2021. Please consult the table to plan how your child might like to participate.

Introducing the College "Bucketz" group

Led by Mr Hopkins, our College "Bucketz" group is our new bucket-drumming ensemble who will be rehearsing on Thursdays during lunchtime. The ensemble is open to all students in the Middle years (Years 5-8). Thank you, Mr Hopkins!

Choir

Both our Primary and Secondary Choirs are operating under strict guidelines issued by NSW Health. For this reason we are unable to open the ensembles up to all students at this time.

Students who would like to be involved with Primary Choir (or their parents) should send an email to Mrs Talbot indicating their interest, s.talbot@wac.nsw.edu.au. Students will then be provided with a backing track to practice with at home. I am hoping that our students can record themselves singing via video and we can then collate this into a single performance video for inclusion in the End of Term concert.

Secondary students should attend the advertised rehearsal time but be prepared that our ensemble leader may need to instigate a rotation system for rehearsals. We will not know if this is necessary until we know how many students would like to be involved.

Musical

If your child was part of the cast of our postponed 2020 Musical, "Bring It On!", they are invited to attend rehearsals on Monday afternoons in the coming weeks (Term 1). Please note that we are going to be working with sections of the cast and not the whole cast, so please check coming Waratah Weeklies regularly for updates. Also, we are unable to accept new cast members for this production given that cast jackets have already been ordered and received - keep an eye out for the announcement of our next production!

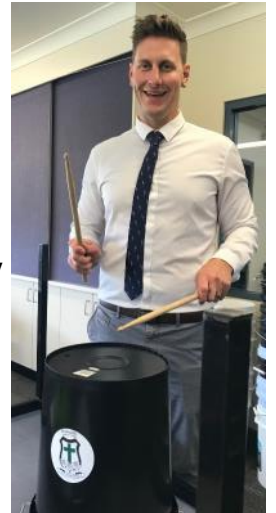
On Monday afternoons Week 3 (February 8) and Week 4 (February 15) we would like to work with the following cast members;

Kirstin Starr
Beni Meier-Kapavale
Emma-Kate Talbot
Jessica Crowfoot
Agnes Abdelmalek
Chorus members currently in Year 6
Chorus members currently in Year 7



Please meet us at the Johnson Studio. We will be rehearsing for your team cheers and the song "Killer Instinct" so please consult your choreographic videos and songbooks so you can come prepared. Our Primary Chorus from 2020 were rehearsing until 4.30 pm, so we are going to keep this conclusion/pick-up time for Weeks 3 and 4. We will be working with other students and on different songs in the weeks that follow.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Performing Arts Coordinator T-12





2021 Performing Arts Ensembles and Groups

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Other
LUNCH	Primary Strings (Students in Years 3-6 by invitation only)	Primary Drama (Students in Years 3-6)		College "Bucketz" (Students in Years 5-8)	College Art Club (Students in Years 7-12) College Choir (Students in Years 7-12) Primary Choir (Students in Years 3-6 - virtual participation for most) Primary Dance (Students in Years 5-6)	WAC Crew (Students in Years 7-12)
AFTER-SCHOOL	Musical (Term 1+4) (Students in Years 5-11) Photography Club (Term 2+3) (Students in Years 7-12)	College Band (Students in Years 7-12) Dance Company (Students in Years 7-12 by audition)	College Cheer (Students in Years 5-12)	College Strings (Students in Years 7-12) Primary Band (Students in Years 5-6)		WAC Crew (Students in Years 7-12)

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SECONDARY SPORT



WAC Edumate App

Students and parents are reminded that all notes for Sporting events this year will be distributed digitally via the College App. No hard copies will be sent home. All parents should have already received the Tuesday Sport Permission note and will shortly receive the Swimming Carnival Note (and corresponding Google Form).

Please ensure you are granting permission via the App and checking it regularly. Thank you to those parents who have already completed permission for Tuesday Sport via the App.

Tuesday Sport

This week students trialled for our Term 1 MISA Teams. These trials will continue next week with our Round 1 games commencing in Week 4. All other students participated in various Year Group Sports here at the College.

Swimming Carnival

On Friday, 19 February the Secondary Swimming Carnival will take place at Wollondilly Leisure Centre. Due to COVID restrictions/guidelines this year's Carnival will have some significant changes. The major change is that all students are required to catch the College provided buses to the Carnival. This will limit the number of people at the venue during pick-up and drop-off times. Due to this the 200m IM and Freestyle events will not take place with the first event now starting at 8.50 am.

Students wishing to swim these events at AICES may submit verified times to Mr Goldsbrough. Despite recent changes, parents are also not permitted at the venue. Whilst this is disappointing, it is a requirement of the booking to ensure that regulations are being met.

Tennis Gala Day

Students are reminded to complete the nomination form for the upcoming Tennis Gala Day that has been emailed to all Secondary Students. Trials will take place this Friday (Boys) and on Monday (Girls).

Bus transport - COVID

As a requirement of our involvement in MISA and external sport new procedures have been introduced for travel to and from sporting events. On Tuesdays all students catching a bus to sport will be required to sanitise their hands before and after sport as well as wear a face mask during transport.

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, 11 February	NASSA Meeting
Monday, 15 February	NASSA Open Basketball Trials
Friday, 19 February	NASSA Swimming
Friday, 26 February	NASSA Tennis Gala Day

Mr Mark Goldsbrough

Secondary Sports Coordinator

PRIMARY SPORT



Primary Swimming Carnival

The WAC Primary Swimming Carnival is scheduled for Friday, 12 February at the Wollondilly Leisure Centre. We are very thankful to be able to participate in such an exciting and eventful day. However, as a precaution against the spread of infection, the running of the Carnival will be slightly different as compared to other years.

See below for an outline of important changes.

- The College is using a digital notes to register student attendance for the Carnival. Parents will need to access the **WAC Edumate App** and register their child's attendance at the Carnival.
- Parents have been sent a text message that contains a **hyperlink to a google form**. This form allows parents to nominate their child for particular races and events. Teachers and staff are new to this system as well - please be patient. *You may have to fill the form out more than once to nominate your child for multiple events.*
- It is ok if students do not wish to enter any races. Please still confirm their attendance to the Carnival. We will be holding novelties and water games that students will be able to enter on the day. They are encouraged to do all they can to support their Sports House.
- Students must arrive at the Wollondilly Centre via the buses leaving the College at 8.10 am. Students are not permitted to arrive with their parents. However, the exception to this rule is the students competing in the early 8.00 am events of 200IM or butterfly. They are permitted to be transported to the Leisure Centre with their parents or carers. If you wish to compete in these early events, please see Mr Gooden before the day of the Carnival.
- Parents are unable to attend the Carnival as spectators. Our volunteer timekeeper positions have all been filled.
- Please remember to bring a drink bottle, sunscreen, your lunch and recess. Students are encouraged to wear their house sport shirts. Girls are reminded to wear appropriate swimwear (ie no bikinis). Please pray for fair weather (and another Acacian victory!)

IPSSO trials - Summer Competition (Terms 1 and Term 4)

The IPSSO competition is recommencing in 2021! Next Wednesday, students will be participating in further trials with the aim of being selected to represent WAC. The sports on offer are:

- Girls' Soccer coached by Miss Thompson
- Boys' Cricket coached by Mr Stark
- Mixed Oztag coached by Mr Whitelaw
- Mixed Basketball coached by Mr Wayne

Sporting Code of Conduct

All students have been issued a Sporting Code of Conduct form. Students and parents are reminded to sign this form as it is a prerequisite for participation in the weekly IPSSO competition and NASSA gala days. It is requested Stage 3 students glue their code of conduct in their diary. The Stage 2 form is located near the front of the student diary

Mr James Gooden

Primary Sports Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE NURSE

Please ensure that you remember to log onto the Parent Portal to check and/or update your child(ren) Medical details such as Medicare Card, Private Health Issue, Medications and Emergency Contact Numbers.

This will ensure that we have up-to-date medical information for each student and will assist us in providing the best possible health care for the students at our College.



YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

Year 7 vaccinations will be held on Monday, 22 March. 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 their sports uniform on the day so that they feel comfortable and to ensure easy access to their 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



We have had a case of **Impetigo** within our Junior Years



Impetigo is a highly contagious bacterial infection of the skin. It is very common among kids, especially pre-schoolers and school-age children.

It can cause blisters or sores on the face, hands, legs and groin area.

Children with impetigo must be kept away from the College until 24 hours after starting treatment. If possible, keep sores covered.

For more information, please refer to the following link.

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

Scholarships 2022/2023 - Applications close tomorrow - Friday, 5 February



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.

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

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

- **The Oaks Netball Club Registration & Try Netball Day**

When Saturday, 6 February 2021
Time 10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Where Dudley Chesham Oval, The Oaks
Follow us on Facebook for up to date information @theoaksnetballclub

- **Introduction to Umpiring Netball - Free Clinic**

When Saturday, 6 February 2021
Session times 10.30 am & 12.00 pm
Where Dudley Chesham Oval, The Oaks
Register via the event on our Facebook page to secure your spot now @theoaksnetballclub

- **PCYC Southern Highlands again in year 2021 will be offering Free Safer Driver places for learner drivers.**

When Picton 6 February and 6 March
Mittagong 20 February and 20 March

For those looking to access the free funding please get them to contact me by emailing kkeller@pcycnsw.org.au

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.

Clothing Pool Opening Times

Regular Hours

Monday	7.45 am to 8.30 am
Tuesday	7.45 am to 8.30 am
Wednesday	7.45 am to 8.30 am
Thursday	7.45 am to 8.30 am
Friday	7.45 am to 8.30 am

EFTPOS preferred payment

Donations can be left at Clothing Pool or Student Reception.

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

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.

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.

Parents' & Friends' Association

Sponsorship 2021

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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

Monday, 8 February	Secondary Assembly Meetings with Staff
Tuesday, 9 February	Meetings with Staff Meeting with TASC Capital Works Team
Wednesday, 10 February	Meetings with Staff Exec Meeting Meet Chairman of College Council P&F Meet and Greet



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 - <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 Headmasters - Emerson Simmons (KJ) and Eli Atalla (KJ) are excited about the upcoming Swimming Carnivals and are ready to start their three year training regime for when its their turn!

Prayer Points

Please thank God for:

- The safe return of our students and staff
- The smooth commencement to the year
- For His great blessings on our College



Please Pray for:

- Our students as they move into the routine of lessons and activities as well as building friendships at the College
- The partnership with our parents as we work together to support the students of the College
- The safety and health of all our staff and students as we continue to manage the implications of COVID-19

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.