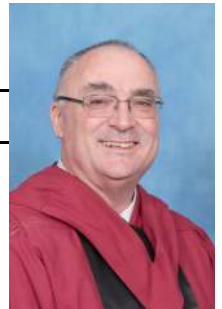




THE WARATAH WEEKLY

Endless is the Victory



Forgiveness (Part 1)

Since we are forgiven, it is important that we first learn to forgive.

Nelson Mandela believed in freedom. He is credited with bringing freedom to South Africa but first he needed to be free from hate in his own heart. He learnt to forgive.

Rory Steyn was the body guard to Nelson Mandela. Rory believed in freedom too - but only for a part of the culture that he grew up in. Rory believed in Apartheid. He did not like Mandela and so it was a most unusual when Mandela selected Rory to be his personal body guard for the five years of his presidency. Rory was trained to act first and think later.

Rory separated his beliefs from his job. He did not believe anything that Mandela was saying - he just did his job. In those days, apartheid was infused into every stratum of South African Society. Rory grew up with it. The media was controlled by it. The schools' curricula was controlled by it.

"I thought Mandella was a fake" he said. "I watched over him **but** I also **watched** him - I watched for the **façade** to crumble", he said.

Rory was in charge of security as Nelson Mandela prepared to attend his own inauguration - an event where 184 Presidents and Royalty were waiting for him to arrive. Nelson pushed at the car door and struggled to get out. It was an armoured car and the door was very heavy so another policeman assisted Mandela. Rory takes up the story -

*"Madiba (Nelson Mandela) gets out and doesn't say a word. He walked across to an old school Police Colonel who was standing there in his full blue uniform. You could see the Colonel's eyes getting bigger as Madiba got closer to him. "Madiba stops in front of him, puts out his hand and shakes his hand. He told him: 'Colonel. I just wanted to tell you that there is **no more you and us**. You are **our** police. **I am your president**.' This guy just started crying, tears streaming down his face. Madiba just patted him on the shoulder and told him it would be all right. "There was no press there, no PR opportunity, just a handful of security guys watching. That's the day I began to question 32 years of education (in the old South Africa) about what was correct. I didn't believe (Madiba) when he came out of jail that we were one country. Then I saw that exchange, it changed me forever." said Rory. "It was as if Madiba said - 184 of the world's leaders can wait while I take the time to get out of the car and talk to one colonel. This was the time that I realised that I would be prepared to take a bullet for Mandela. For the first time in my life I was free of Apartheid".*

In that moment, Mandela also taught Rory about forgiveness.

"Everyone on Earth should say thank you to Nelson Mandela. Thank you for what you taught us. Thank you for teaching us to forgive. Thank you for teaching us that to talk to your enemy is always going to be superior to fighting with him". - Rory Steyn

It is astounding that God not only forgives: He forgets.



2018 NAPLAN RESULTS: WOLLONDILLY ANGLICAN COLLEGE

Our College Community congratulates our Year 3 and Year 5 students on their excellent NAPLAN results.

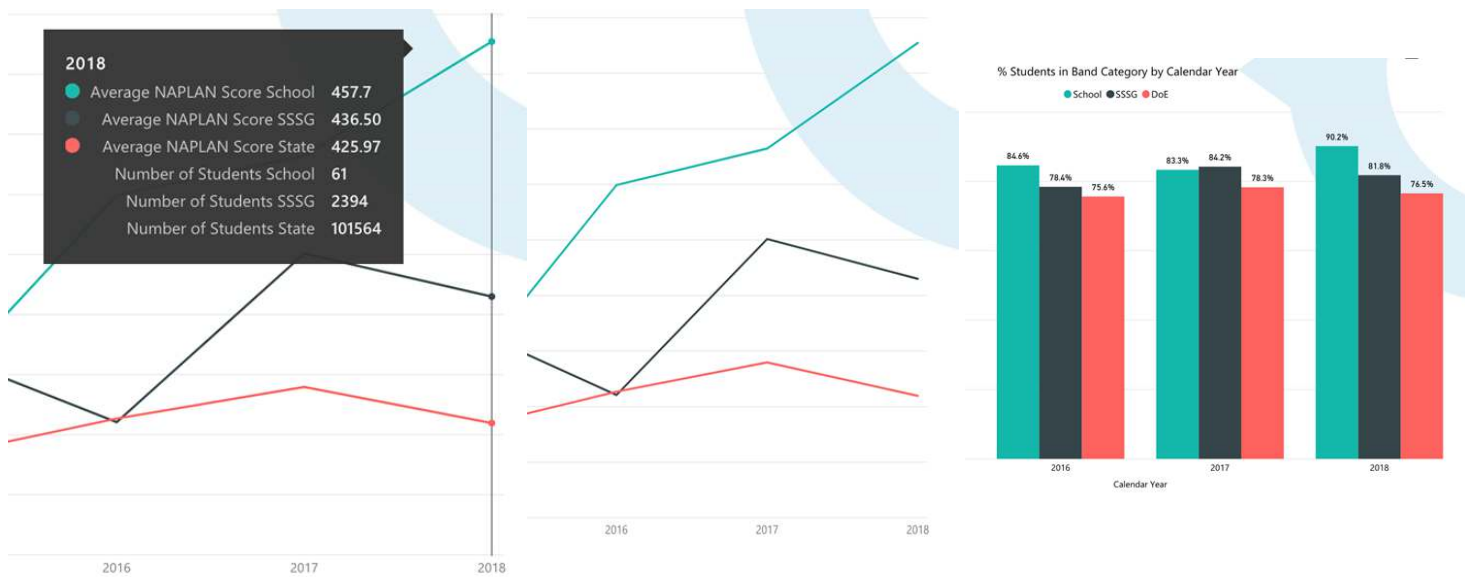
Year 3

Our College had 55 students in Year 3 sat NAPLAN online in 2018. It is very pleasing to note that:

- as a group, students in Year 3 achieved significantly higher than State averages for every area measured.
- 14% of Year 3 students achieved a Band 9 or 10.
- 90% of Year 3 students achieved in the top two bands for Year 3 level. (Bands 5&6)
- The Year 3 overall results have continued to increase. sitting significantly higher than State.

Explicit instructional approaches continue to be our focus moving forward, as we look to consolidate and build on growth in this area. The growth since implementing these strategies and other specific approaches backed by evidence has indicated that we are on the right track for our students.

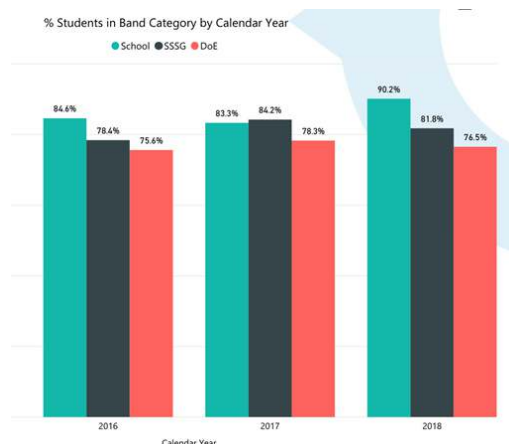
Year 3 Average NAPLAN Score School, SSSG and State 2018.



Year 5

Our College had 55 Students sat the NAPLAN tests in 2018. It is very pleasing to note that:

- as a group, students in Year 5 achieved higher than state averages for every area measured.
- 18% of Year 5 students achieved a Band 9 or 10.
- 73% of Year 5 students achieved in the top two bands for Year 5 level. (Bands 7&8) Graph below.
- Year 5 growth since Year 3 has been pleasing. 65-70% of students at or above expected growth in all areas except Spelling. This is above State and SSSG Growth outcomes, which will be an ongoing focus for Stages 2 and 3 as we seek ways to improve student outcomes.



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

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 Peter Hazlewood
Mrs Emily Madden

We are a College - not a school. Years 7-12 are Secondary years - not High School years.

HICES

Most professions operate in a world of acronyms and Education is no different. The peak body for Independent schools is called AHISA (Australian Heads of Independent Schools Association). The governance representative body is called AIS (Association of Independent Schools). Primary plays weekly sport against the IPSSO schools (Independent Primary Schools Sports Organisation) and Secondary plays MISA sport (Macarthur Independent Schools Association). For swimming, cross country and athletics, we compete against the NASSA schools (New Anglican Schools Sports Association).

This Term, our College will be hosting the **Heads of Independent Co-Educational Schools (HICES)** here at the College. Dr Quarmby is the immediate past President of this peak body of educators. On Monday, 18 February, there will be between 30 and 50 Heads of some of the finest and most reputable schools in NSW visiting Wollondilly for a tour of the College and a meeting. Please make them feel welcome.

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Parents' and Friends' Association (P&F)

On Monday evening we had our P&F 'meet and greet' get together. It was great see some of our stalwart parents attend along with a number of new faces. A lot of great ideas were discussed regarding 'Friend Raising and Fund Raising'.



Thank you to the parents who attended the evening. We would like 2019 to be an even better year than last year for the P&F. I would like all parents to consider contributing at least two hours throughout the year to support the events of the P&F. The aim would be to spread the load so that it doesn't just fall on the willing few and to continue to build the sense of community that has been one of the distinctive features of our College since its foundation.

Visit the P&F link on the College website to download an expression of interest form and to see a list of the main activities the P&F will be involved with this year. Go to www.wac.nsw.edu.au - College Community - P&F Association.

I encourage you to be involved and support the great work of our P&F. Ultimately the work they do contributes to the sense of community and the funds raised benefits our students at Wollondilly.

Our next meeting is the AGM on Monday, 4 March at 7.00 pm in the Deakin Administration Building. Those in attendance will be able to have a tour of the new classrooms in Cuthbert.

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK (CONTINUED)



Student Banking - Support for P&F

Parents please note that student banking via the Commonwealth Bank will be available for students again this year - even for Secondary students. This is a service provided by our P&F volunteers. For each account that is opened, the CBA provide \$5.00 to the P&F.

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.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program 2019

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is operating at Wollondilly Anglican College and some students in Year 9 (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 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 \$125.00 (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 Award.

Duke of Edinburgh's Aware Expedition Planning 2019

Term	Dates	Activity	Location
1	Saturday, 23 March	Bronze Training Day	WAC
1	Saturday, 6 April - Sunday, 7 April	Bronze Practice Expedition	Coast Walk
2	Friday, 3 May - Sunday, 5 May	Bronze/ Silver Expedition	Great North Walk
3	Thursday 29 Aug - Sun 1 Sep	Silver/Gold Expedition	Blue Mountains/ Wild Dog Mountains
4	13 Dec to 20 Dec	Silver /Gold Expedition	TBA

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster

TEACHING AND LEARNING 7-12



Year 7 Information Evening

Information evenings provide a great opportunity to build partnership between the College and home. Year 7 have an information evening this Thursday in the Warne Auditorium commencing at 7.00 pm. All students are expected to be in attendance in their College uniform with at least one parent.

Year 11 Information Evening

All students and at least one parent are expected to be in attendance at the Information Evening on Tuesday, 5 March in the Warne Auditorium commencing at 7.00 pm. Students are to wear their College Sports Uniform.

Year 10 Mathematics Pathways

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

Textbooks and Book packs

Students have now received their Bookpacks and Textbooks. If your child is missing a Textbook, They are to see Mrs Colombo in the Flynn IRC. Students are encouraged to see their Year Patron if they have not received a Bookpack.

Year 11 and 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.

Mr Paul Burns

Director of Teaching and Learning 7-12

Rory Steyn is Coming to Wollondilly!!

What is it like to call the man of the Century a friend? What is it like to call the man of Eternity a friend. Rory Steyn, Body guard for five years to Nelson Mandela is being hosted by the Anglican Churches of Wollondilly and Wollondilly Anglican College

One Night Only!!

On: Thursday, 28 February 2019
At: Wollondilly Anglican College
Where: Clifford Warne Auditorium
Time: 7.00 pm

PASTORAL CARE - T-12



Student Leadership

In 2019 the Student Leadership Team is comprised of the following students:

College Captains: Travis Baxter and Nina Hvejsel

Prefects: Lilli Madden, Rylea Keen, Madilyn McKinley, Jemima Hart, Tim Nelson, Mitch Rockwell, Lachlan Wadling and Ethan Seidel

Senior Captains: Jack Carroll and Piper Rudd

Middle Captains: Benjamin Napier and Jessica Fraser

Primary Captains: Holly Dvorak and Kye James

The above students along with elected Senior Representative Council in Years 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 11 will make up the College Student Representative Council.



House Captains 2019

Acacia Nicholas Jefferys and Georgia Tapp

Grevillea Isabella Norman and Zac Napier

Sollya Kaleb Flower and Katie Maddock

Telopea Mekdes Geist and Macie Saunders

Wollemi Holly Ray and Matthew Grima

Mr Liam Toland

Director of Pastoral Care T-12



PASTORAL MATTERS - SENIOR YEARS 9-12

A warm welcome to senior students and parents at the start of a new College Term. I have great anticipation for the year ahead and look forward to supporting you as we move through 2019.



It has been encouraging to see students getting organised and settling into their classes. We promote a 'fresh start' approach: enabling students to reflect on the previous Term and establish new goals with a focus on making positive choices and establishing constructive routines. During whole year group meetings, it has been communicated to students that support IS available to them. We encourage students to engage with their class teachers, roll call teacher, Year Patron or Pastoral Care Coordinator for guidance when needed. Parents, your support in also confirming this message is appreciated.

Year 9-10 Pastoral Care Sessions

The focus for 9-12 Pastoral Care sessions in Term 1 is 'Positivity and Resilience'. Students will explore topics based on mental fitness, personal strengths and relationships. This will include an interactive 'serious game' developed by ReachOut that allows students to navigate a virtual world and identify tools and strategies which can improve and sustain wellbeing. All activities are underpinned by sound psychological principles and research, and are designed as highly engaging, age-appropriate tasks. I encourage you to have a conversation with your son or daughter about this information as the Term progresses.

Year 9-12 Roll Call

Roll call takes place Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. This is a valuable time for students to build rapport with their roll call teacher and strengthen peer relationships within their particular House group. Roll call groups are also a safe space for students to explore aspects of God's character and His creation through a devotion. Years 9 and 10 will be looking at various themes within Psalms, Year 11 will be working through a study based on six central ideas of the Bible and Year 12 have the opportunity to explore individual devotional studies via The Bible App. At various times students will also have the chance to attend particular seminars relating to health/well-being, study skills and careers.

Year 11 Welcome to the Senior Precinct

It has been encouraging to see Year 11 students transition into the Senior Precinct area with relative ease. They have been welcomed by Year 12 students and enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch on their first day. Big thanks to the College Captains and Prefects who supported this event by running the BBQ, serving students, providing great tunes and cleaning up.

A reflection for all senior students:

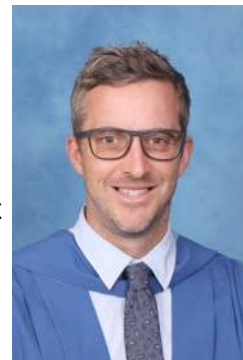
- If you want to experience kindness, BE KIND.
- If you want to feel part of something, BECOME INVOLVED.
- If you want to feel encouraged, ENCOURAGE OTHERS.
- If you want to gain respect, SHOW RESPECT.
- If you want to be given a chance, FORGIVE OTHERS, DON'T HOLD A GRUDGE.
- If you want to be liked, BE HUMBLE.

For further contact - email: e.madden@wac.nsw.edu.au or phone: 4623 0274.

Mrs Emily Madden
Senior Pastoral Care Coordinator 9-12



PASTORAL MATTERS - MIDDLE YEARS 5-8



A Great Start for Year 7

Last week Year 7 were introduced to the wonderful world of the Secondary Years at the College when they took part in our introduction program. A mix of nervousness and excitement was evident as new and old faces moved into the Auditorium to start the day. There was plenty of information for students to digest as staff and systems were introduced throughout the day. One student stated that she felt the hardest part of the day was working out how the locks on their lockers worked.

Something that stood out to me on the day was the way the cohort conducted themselves. At one point I wandered out to the playground at lunch to see a Year 7 student sitting on her own. Before I could get to her another Year 7 student approached her, introduced herself and asked if she would like to join her group of friends. It was a great example of the culture the College works hard to promote amongst our students and was certainly a joy to witness in action.

A big thank you to all of Year 7 for a great start to the year and also to some wonderful staff who contributed to a successful day.

Pastoral Lessons commenced this Week - Self Awareness

This week we kicked off our Pastoral program by looking into the concept of Self-awareness. Being self-aware will help your child tap into his emotional as well as academic intelligence. It will also help your child develop various social relationships through the growing up years and even later in life. Here are some easy and effective ways on developing self-awareness in children

1. Be The Role Model:

To develop self-awareness for children, you have first to be aware of it yourself.

- Use your everyday behaviour to show your child how to manage daily situations in a calm and positive way.
- When faced with an unpleasant or frustrating incident, teach your child how to react in a positive way and deal with the situation.

2. Accept and Recognise Your Child's Emotions:

Understand your child's emotions and never make fun of them, in front of them or themselves.

- Your child's display of emotions will help them control their feelings and also express himself in a better way.
- When your child learns to deal with their emotions, he will learn to accept his behaviour and understand how to function better.

3. Empathise with Your Child:

When you empathize with your child, it will make them feel secure and confident about themselves.

- Empathizing with your child will teach them that their emotions are important and are nothing to be ashamed of or hide.
- Your child may have done poorly in something and be feeling bad about it. Empathizing with them will teach them that they do not always have to be perfect, and it is fine.

5. Pay Attention, Be A Listener and Teach Effective Problem Solving:

Make sure you give enough attention to your child and are a good listener.

- When you pay real attention to your child, it will make them feel loved and wanted, and their sense of worth will also reach a high.
- Help your child to understand how to respond to and not react in certain situations. It is fine if your child loses his cool and bursts out in anger or tears of frustration. Accept it as his natural reaction. However, help them find a better way to deal with the same situation next time.
- Once he does so, make sure you appreciate them for their courage and help them perceive the difference.

Your child will pick up most of his behavioural and social skill sets from you. Be your child's role model and help them understand their potential best.

Mr Peter Hazlewood

Middle Pastoral Care Coordinator 5-8

PASTORAL MATTERS - JUNIOR YEARS T-4



Welcome back to the routine! I am not sure about you but I am glad to have some order back into our mornings. Please find below some general information regarding Pastoral matters for T-4.

You Can Do It!

I am very excited to announce the You Can Do It! program, which will be taught this year during the Pastoral Period and Buddies session. Your child may have already come home talking about the characters of Ricky Resilience, Oscar Organisation, Pete Persistence, Gabby Get Along and Connie Confidence. If they didn't mention the characters, hopefully they may have spoken to you about what 'success' looks like for them. The aim of the You Can Do It! program is to teach students the attitudes, values and character strengths, and social-emotional skills they will need for their own success, their relationships and their well-being. The program also helps students to understand and overcome the social-emotional blockers (ie the negative thoughts), which might stop them from achieving their potential.

Playground Matters

Morning drop off for K-4 is on the front oval. Students put their bags down at their room and head to the oval. There is no teacher on duty on the oval until 7.50 am so if students are arriving before this time they need to stay under the Shoulder to Shoulder shelter, where there is a teacher on duty from 7.30 am. The teacher who is commencing duty on the oval will collect the students from under the shelter on their way to the oval.

All children in K-4 need to be on the oval and not standing with their parents on the Deakin Terrace. Parents, please support us in this area. This makes it easier for teachers to know where all students are. Parents we also ask that you keep the terrace clear to allow for ease of movement for staff and students.

Afternoon Dismissal

Students in K-4 are dismissed at 2.25 pm under the Shoulder to Shoulder Shelter. There is a section in the T-4 Diary for parents to complete outlining your child's travel arrangements for each afternoon. Please ensure this is completed as soon as possible so your child is in the right place for afternoon dismissal.

At the end of the day, there are many activities which run after the College day. Parents are asked to closely supervise their children once they have been dismissed from their class lines. Students should stay with their parents and not be running around the College. Your support in this area is appreciated.

Chapel

Junior chapel is held every Thursday afternoon in the Warne Auditorium, commencing at 1.40 pm. Parents are most welcome to attend. It is a very lively, fun afternoon.

Mrs Lisa Maher

Junior Pastoral Care Coordinator T-4



PERFORMANCE NEWS



Get Involved in Performance!

Our College has a tradition of student involvement in the Performing Arts. As such we offer a wide range of programs to cater the diverse talents and interests of our students. Participation in the performing arts is credited with improved mental, social and physical health outcomes for students and so we encourage all families to carefully consider their child's participation in the performing arts this year.

Performance Groups 2019 Get involved in performance!

Group	Open To	When	Where	Contact
Primary Choir	Students in Years 3 -6	Monday Lunchtime	Melba 4	Mrs Roslynne Patterson r.patterson@wac.nsw.edu.au Mrs Kerry Apps k.apps@wac.nsw.edu.au
Vocal Ensemble	Students in Years 7-12	Monday Lunchtime	Melba 1	Miss Tammy Nelson Please direct inquiries to Mrs Sarah Talbot s.talbot@wac.nsw.edu.au
College Musical	Students in Years 5-11	Monday 2.45 pm - 5.30 pm Terms 1 & 4	Johnson Studio/ Warne Auditorium	Mrs Sarah Talbot s.talbot@wac.nsw.edu.au
Set Design	Students in Years 7-11	Monday 2.45 pm - 5.00 pm Terms 1 & 4	Melba 3	Mrs Julia Ware j.ware@wac.nsw.edu.au
Dance Company	Students in Years 9-12	Tuesday 2.45 pm - 4.15 pm	Johnson 11 Studio	Miss Kara Valente k.valente@wac.nsw.edu.au
Secondary Band	Students in Years 7-12	Tuesday 2.45 pm - 415 pm	Melba 4	Mr Lloyd Grant l.grant@wac.nsw.edu.au
Secondary Guitar Ensemble	Students in Years 7-12	Wednesday Lunch	Melba 1	Mr Daniel Wilms Please direct inquiries to Mrs Sarah Talbot s.talbot@wac.nsw.edu.au
Primary Band	Students in Years 5-6	Wednesday 2.45 pm - 3.30 pm	Melba 4	Mr Travis Coutts-Smith t.coutts-smith@wac.nsw.edu.au
Rehearsal Studio	Elective Drama, Dance and Music Students	Wednesday 2.45 pm - 4.30 pm	Johnson 11 Studio	Mrs Sarah Talbot s.talbot@wac.nsw.edu.au
Junior Strings Ensemble	Students in Years 3- 6 by invitation	Thursday after lunch	Melba 1/Melba 4	Ms Jillian Bridge Please direct inquiries to Mrs Sarah Talbot s.talbot@wac.nsw.edu.au
Strings Ensemble	Students in Years 7-12	Thursday 2.45 pm - 4.00 pm	Melba 1	Ms Jillian Bridge Please direct inquiries to Mrs Sarah Talbot s.talbot@wac.nsw.edu.au
Middle Cheer	Students in Years 5-8	Friday Lunch	Johnson 11 Studio	Miss Kara Valente k.valente@wac.nsw.edu.au
WAC Crew	Students in Years 7-12	On the job	As required	Mrs Sarah Talbot s.talbot@wac.nsw.edu.au

PERFORMANCE NEWS

Australia Day

Congratulations to Gyan Taylor of Year 12 who was invited to perform the Australian National Anthem as part of the Picton ANZAC Day celebrations. I have received several compliments on her beautiful performance.



Thirlmere Festival of Steam

Mark your calendars. The Thirlmere Festival of Steam is set to be held on Sunday, 3 March. Our College Dance Company, Middle Cheer, Elective Drama Students, College Band, Primary Band, Strings Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble and Vocal Ensemble will be performing along with individual peripatetic students who will be invited by their tutors. More information will follow, but please mark the date in your calendars and come along to support our students.

Strings Performance Sunday, 17 February

Some of our talented Strings Ensemble members will be performing at the Gibraltar Hotel in Bowral on Sunday, 17 February for a short set (5.45 pm - 6.15 pm) as part of an event for some distinguished guests. We thank them, and Ms Bridge, in advance for their preparation for this event.

Head On Photographic Competition

The Head On On-Line Photographic Competition have contacted the College to advise that entries are open to all students K-12 up until Sunday, 10 February (which is an extension of the original submission date). If your child is a budding photographer, they would like to encourage you to consider entering their competition. Please examine the terms and conditions carefully before allowing your child to participate in this competition as it is not a College activity.

<https://www.headon.com.au/awards>

Mrs Sarah Talbot

Performing Arts Coordinator T-12



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Our sister school in Germany has recommended the following students participate in a three month visit to Wollondilly Anglican College. For this to occur we urgently need host families here at the College. Ideally the student would have their own room and would become part of your family, participating in your daily routines. They have all studied English and are keen to practice their speaking skills.



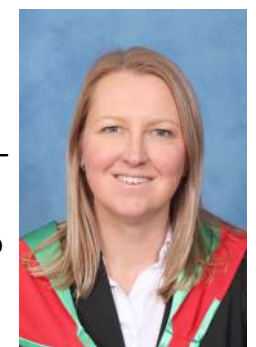
The students would arrive near the end of June and return to Germany in September. They would spend the July College holidays with your family. During the Term they would attend the College (at their own cost). The students would also pay their host family a small amount of money to help offset the cost of food and associated expenses.

Other College families have enjoyed the experience in the past and many have gone on to visit their student in Germany. If you are interested, please let Mrs Clark know as soon as possible via email c.clark@wac.nsw.edu.au. The German students are keen to book air fares, but they need to have host families first. Please consider if 2019 is the year you could host a student.

Name	Birthday	Male/Female	Interests
Martha Armbruster	01/01/2004	Female	drawing, riding, shopping & travelling
Anna Riedel	19/11/2004	Female	piano, movies, dancing, riding
Luisa Breitmaier	01/03/2003	Female	piano, flute, reading, soccer, jogging
Luca Lahaye	02/06/2003	Female	guitar, European handball, movies
Caitlin Dell	12/06/2003	Female	piano, volleyball, jogging, movies
Florian Meyer	06/01/2004	Male	table tennis, listening to music, movies
Ole Mueller	20/03/2004	Male	hiking, soccer, reading, computers

Remember “Monolingualism is curable! Learn a second language.”

Mrs Carolyn Clark
German Teacher



NEWS FROM THE INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRES

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. We will be calling for Library Monitor applications from Year 6 students next week. Lunchtimes: K-4 students are in Elizabeth at Lunch 2, Monday to Friday. Years 5-6 are in Sturt Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - Lunch 2.

Secondary IRCs

Johnson IRC is open for borrowing on Wednesday morning during Roll Call. Sturt and Johnson IRCs are open Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri at Lunch 2 for Years 7-10.

Book Club orders due Friday, 15 February

Book Club starts this week. All orders are to be made online or through the LOOP app. See the catalogue for details. For secondary, Book Club catalogues are available in Johnson, Flynn and the College Office. Choose the class 'Secondary' when ordering. Orders due Friday, 15 February.

Mrs Justine Colombo
College Librarian

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2019 - SUNDAY, 3 MARCH

Clean Up Australia Day is a simple way you can take action to clean up, fix up and conserve our unique and prized Australian environment.

“33 million hours have been devoted by Australians, towards the environment, through Clean Up Australia Day removing the equivalent of more than 350,000 ute loads of rubbish.” (CUAD website).

I would like to invite you to join me in participating in Clean Up Australia Day 2019. I am organising for a group from the College to join a clean-up site at Charlies Point Road, Bargo which runs from 9.00 am to 11.00 am on Sunday, 3 March. Finishing at 11.00 am means you can still get across to participate in the Thirlmere Festival of Steam, another important date in our College calendar.

Each person who participates must sign up on the CUAD website. To do so go to: <https://www.cleancleanupaustraliaday.org.au/fundraisers/judybaxter/baxter> and then click 'Join this Site'. (The site is run by the Baxters, one of our College families.)

Please note that children 15 or under need to be supervised by an adult/carer. For protection I recommend each person wears robust gloves, sturdy closed shoes, a hat and long pants.

Last year we were a team of approximately 40 and we, with some local residents, picked up two large skips in rubbish. I really hope we can repeat the feat this year.

NOTE - If any students participate in CUAD, but at another site, please come and see me next week with a note from your parents verifying that you did so. The College will be recognising those contributions to the community also.

Please email me with any questions: j.hart@wac.nsw.edu.au

Mr Jay Hart
Humanities Coordinator



CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen News

Our College Canteen is called FLOWERS. It is a standalone building located between White Cottage and the outdoor Shoulder to Shoulder Shelter. The Canteen operates a food and beverage service during College hours to students, staff, friends and visitors. All recess and lunch orders are processed online via flexischools.com.au.

Cutoff time for orders is 8.30 am on the day, however, there is a limited late order menu available up until 10.00 am on the day. No over the counter cash orders will be accepted, however, we do have recess, lunch and snack items for sale during the day. If your child has no lunch they will be handed a voucher at Student Reception which they should bring to the Canteen to receive fruit or a sandwich. We also sell some College merchandise from the Canteen. For a list of College merchandise and menu items available please see the College website or the notice board in front of the Canteen.

In order to keep prices to a minimum, we rely on volunteers to complement our staff in keeping up with this growing, busy service. If you are able to help out in any way, please complete a volunteer form and hand it in to Student Reception or the Canteen. If you don't have a volunteer form you can find it on the College website or alternatively pick one up from the Canteen or Student Reception. One or two days a Term are all that are needed to assist in filling the roster. Many hands make light work!

A huge thank you to the people who have already volunteered, your assistance is invaluable. We still have a few spaces left to fill, so it's not too late to become a part of this very worthwhile service.

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



PDHPE IN 2019

All 7-10 students in PDHPE will receive a cover information letter, outlining the expectations, routines and risks in PDHPE. Each class will go through what is contained within the letter. The cover information letter is to be signed by the student and parent and pasted in the front of the PDHPE workbook. If there are any questions about its contents or PDHPE in general, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or Mr Hewitt (PDHPE Coordinator) at the College.



It is very important that students bring and wear their sports hat during every PE (practical) lesson. This time of year is particularly more problematic with high levels of UV, however, skin damage can occur in other parts of the year as well so hats are to be worn all year round.

In 2019 Year 7 (Stage 4) and Year 9 (Stage 5) are engaging in units that align with the new K-10 PDHPE Syllabus. This Term, students in Year 7 are studying a unit called "Fresh Start" that looks at the components of health and coping with changes and challenges as they start the Secondary Years. In the practical unit, "Building Blocks", students will be further developing and applying their Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) in a range of different physical activities. Year 9 are starting with a unit on mental health and resiliency, aptly named "Bounce Back" and during practical lessons are examining the concept of attack in team games such as AFL, Oz Tag and Basketball.

Years 8 and 10 are continuing with the outgoing Years 7-10 PDHPE Syllabus with Year 8 looking at fitness and Year 10 focusing on being a wise health consumer and court games.

Mr Joshua Hewitt
PDHPE Coordinator

CHRISTIAN GROUPS

Commencing in Week 4 will be the lunchtime group 'Hooked'. This group is for Year 7 and 8 students and operates during Thursday lunchtimes in the FLOWERS Cafeteria. It provides an opportunity for children to socialise and connect with each other whilst discussing the Bible and playing a few games. I would like to encourage new students to consider attending.

Many churches offer youth groups, catering for a range of ages, as an outreach to their community. If you would like information on how to connect with a group in your area, please contact me c.russell@wac.nsw.edu.au.

One such local group worth your consideration, is 'Dilly Youth' run by Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Tahmoor. They operate a Friday night group for children in Years 6-12 from 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm. They will be commencing their year on the Friday, 15 February. If you would like more details please contact parish_wollondilly@yahoo.com.

Mr Craig Russell
Christian Studies Coordinator



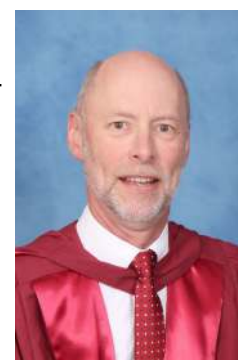
SENIOR HOMEWORK CLUB

Senior Homework Club starts back on **Wednesday**, 13 February (Week 3). Students are encouraged to make this part of their study routine for this Term. The Bradfield Workshops and Johnson Studio will also be open for students studying in these subjects if there is sufficient demand. Students must meet at the Flynn IRC as normal and then go to the workshop or studio with the supervising teacher.

When: Wednesday afternoons 3.00 pm - 4.30 pm.
Where: Flynn IRC and selected Flynn classrooms.
What to bring: Homework, tasks, puzzling questions, necessary equipment and a positive attitude! It is essential that you have a work plan for the time you attend Homework Club.

Pick up: Students need to be picked up by 4.30 pm in the Melba carpark.
Contact: Dr Bearlin, Mr Shellshear, Mrs Bawden, Mr Beckinsale, Mr Powter, Mr Stewart, Mr Cassidy & Mrs Talbot (Office Phone: 4684 2577).

Dr Robert Bearlin
Secondary Science Teacher



WAC EQUESTRIAN NEWS

Oxley College Equestrian Day is to be held on Sunday, 7 April at "Wyeera", Bong Bong Racecourse, Bowral. All entries can be placed via www.nominate.com.au soon.

All new students who are interested in belonging to our Equestrian Team, please see myself, or visit our Student Reception to see Mrs Cook.

If you are entering this Event, please ensure you collect the College's Risk Waiver to be completed prior to entering on the day.



YEAR 12 UOW DISCOVERY DAY

Last Tuesday our Year 12 cohort travelled to the University of Wollongong to participate in UOW Discovery Day. This was an opportunity for students to participate in a number of workshops and lectures at the university.

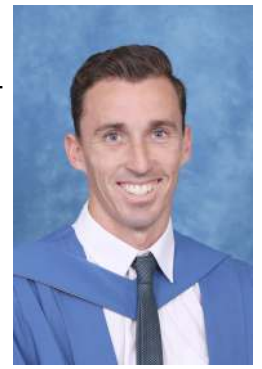
The day was enjoyed by all our students with very positive feedback about wanting to attend university post HSC year. Students experienced many different faculties that showcased the world of a university student such as:

- How steel buildings fail.
- Discover the micro-world inside material.
- Pre-Medicine and Medical science.
- Becoming a Teacher and Linguistics Fingerprinting.

The excursion is part of the College Careers program that prepares student for life after their College Years and encourages them to consider the many study options available across the tertiary system

Mr Michael Cassidy
Secondary TAS and Carers Teacher

SECONDARY SPORT



Zoe Daniels - Silver at Australian All Schools Championships

A massive congratulations to Zoe Daniels (Year 8) who placed 2nd at the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships in Discus. On top of this she is now the top ranked U/14 Discus thrower in Australia after recently throwing a PB of 38.60m. Zoe is looking forward to another busy year of Athletics and we look forward to her achievements in 2019.

Term 1 MISA

Teams have now been selected for our nine MISA teams following this week's trials. Students competing in Hockey, Cricket, Basketball and Softball will have their first matches next week whilst Volleyball and Oz Tag have a first round bye and will train at the College.

Term 1 Tuesday Sport Groups

This Term, students not competing in MISA will either complete a House Group Sport or an Elective Sport. Elective sport sign-ups are now completed and only students who have signed up may attend these sports. All other students will complete one of the following sports based on their allocated Sporting House.

Year 7-8	Year 9-10
Acacia - AFL	Acacia - Boxing
Grevillea - General Fitness	Grevillea - Field Sports
Sollya - Field Sports	Sollya - Court Sports
Telopea - Swimming (must bring towel and swimmers, goggles optional)	Telopea - Tennis
Wollemi - Gymnastics	Wollemi - Gym (must bring towel)

Swimming Carnival

Notes for our Secondary Swimming Carnival to be held at Wollondilly Leisure Centre on Friday, 22 February have now been distributed. These notes are due back by today, Tuesday, 7 February. If your child has forgotten to hand in their note or has lost their note please contact Mr Goldsbrough via email (m.goldsbrough@wac.nsw.edu.au). Space on buses is limited so notes received after the due date are not assured of transport.

Tuesday Sport Notes

All students must return their Tuesday Sport notes to their Roll Call teacher. Students who have not returned their note will not be permitted to participate in Sport next Tuesday and will complete a Sports Detention. Any student who has misplaced their note can pick one up from the Student Reception or Mr Goldsbrough.

Mr Mark Goldsbrough
Secondary Sports Coordinator



Zoe Daniels. Australian Silver Medallist - discus.



Upcoming Events

Thursday, 14 February
Friday, 22 February
Wednesday, 27 February
Friday, 1 March

NASSA Basketball Trials
WAC Swimming Carnival
NASSA Swimming Carnival
NASSA Tennis Gala Day

PRIMARY SPORT



Year 3-6 Sport

Students took part in trials for IPSSO teams on Wednesday. Trials were held for cricket, girls' soccer, mixed Oz Tag and mixed basketball. IPSSO games take place during sport time on Wednesday. Check the Waratah Weekly each week for venues and results.

The first IPSSO game will be played next week against Oran Park Anglican College. Stage 2 games will start at 12.00 pm. Stage 3 games will start at 1.00 pm.

Girls selected in the soccer team must have the WAC football socks and shinpads. Socks can be purchased from the Canteen.

This Term, Stage 2 College sport students will have the opportunity to take part in swimming lessons at Wollondilly Leisure Centre. They will receive information about this opportunity next week. Stage 3 students will complete tennis, athletics and touch football programs over the Term.

K-2 Sport

In Week 3 the AFL will be visiting the College and run coaching sessions during sport time on Friday. Students this Term will also be developing their Fundamentals Movements Skills, starting with building their running and jumping skills.

Swimming Carnival

The 3-6 Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday, 15 February at Wollondilly Leisure Centre. Please return your notes as soon as possible.

This year there will be an opportunity for House based relays for parents, so don't forget your gear.

Mr Stuart Houweling
Primary Sport Coordinator

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 13 February
Friday, 15 February
Friday, 22 February
Tuesday, 26 February

IPSSO games vs Oran Park
Primary Swimming Carnival
AFL After College Program
NASSA Swimming Carnival, Homebush



TRANSITION

A happy welcome to our Transition students and families. We are enjoying getting to know your children and we are so proud of the way they are settling into the classroom environment.

This week students have been engaging in the PreLit program. This is a skills-based, early literacy preparation program for children in the year before school. It provides children with a sound foundation for learning to read. So far we have been learning about words and syllables. Students will begin exposure to letters and sounds from next week. As part of this program we will be focusing on a book each week to develop students' oral language development and comprehension. This week we are reading 'Dear Zoo'.

This Term we have an '**Ocean**' theme in the classroom. We are learning about different animals in the ocean and we will be decorating our classroom with some fabulous craft. Please make sure you have a look when you drop your child off in the morning.

Over the next few weeks Transition will begin rotating groups. This is a great opportunity for students to experience a variety of literacy, fine-motor and mathematics-based activities that they may not naturally gravitate towards. Students work in small groups of 3-4 students.

Please just remember that if you arrive before 7.50 am to wait outside of White Cottage until the duty teacher arrives. It would be great if you could assist your child by asking them to take their diary out of their bag and placing it in the baskets located in the bag room.

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Melanie Grant & Mrs Anita Belusic
Transition Teachers



UNIFORMS FROM LOWES

In 2018 our College K-6 hat could not be supplied by Lowes and we introduced a temporary hat. The good news is that our original College hat is now back in stock at Lowes. The temporary hat will be phased out but can be worn by students in 2019.

With record numbers of new students Lowes has been able to keep up with demand with most items still in stock. The large College backpack was out of stock but is back in store now.

Mr Geoff Adams
Business Manager



An advertisement for Lowes featuring a young man and woman in school blazers. The man is wearing a dark blue blazer and the woman is wearing a maroon blazer. To their right is a blue promotional banner with the Lowes logo, '20% OFF SCHOOL BLAZERS' (with 'ORIGINAL PRICES' in small text), 'Ends 10th February 2019.', and a 'SHOP NOW >' button.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT

Applications continue to pour in for 2020 and across all Year groups. All current College families looking to enrol siblings for next year and beyond, are encouraged to do so without delay to avoid disappointment.

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



COMMUNITY SERVICE: THIRLMERE FESTIVAL OF STEAM

Wollondilly Anglican College is once again a proud partner of the Thirlmere Festival of Steam. The Festival will be held on Sunday, 3 March 2019 and we ask parents to mark this date in the diary as it is a fun event not to be missed!

The Parade which is a big part of the Festival is at 1.00 pm and we encourage students to join the Wollondilly Anglican College entourage. We will be handing out free helium balloons which we ask students to come and collect from our Marquee located in the park to carry in the parade.

Come and support our talented students who will be taking to the stage to perform as part of the entertainment program. More information will follow in upcoming Waratah Weeklies.

Mrs Kristy Biddle
Development Officer



INFORMATION FROM THE COLLEGE NURSE

Over the last couple of years, a couple of children across the College have required hospitalisation and on-going treatment due to serious illnesses. One such illness has been Leukaemia.

As a result, the immune system of these students is compromised.

If you find as the year progresses, your child becomes sick with a contagious illness, for example Impetigo, gastroenteritis, chicken pox, measles, hand foot and mouth, please notify the College as soon as possible.

Keeping your child at home during the recovery period, as per NSW Health Guidelines, will become important.

Mr Stuart McIntosh
Advanced Learning and Learning Support Coordinator T-12

Mrs Sally Lloyd
College Nurse



ACTION PLANS AND MEDICAL AUTHORITY FORMS

All updated Action Plans are to be brought to Student Reception at your earliest convenience.

This also includes all medication accompanied by a Medication Authority Form.

ALLERGY ALERT ON CANTEEN ORDERS

Allergy Alert on Canteen Orders

For all parents who have a child who is allergic or anaphylactic to certain foods, please note that you must add an **ALLERGY ALERT** to **EVERY** Canteen order if it is placed through the Flexischools website - the field you need to complete is located above where you add the items to your order.

Our Canteen staff will then know to check our system to make sure that the allergen is not present in the food that your child has ordered. Without this alert we cannot guarantee that the allergen will not be present in your order.

We also cannot guarantee that an allergen is not present in a certain item if a child orders from the Canteen window instead of placing an online order.

Mrs Sally Lloyd
College Nurse



YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS



Year 7 Vaccination day is on Thursday, 28 February.
Your information packs and form will be sent home in the coming days.

If we can get the students to bring them in by Friday, 22 February that would be great.
If your child's form is not returned, they will not be vaccinated.

COMMUNITY

- **Wollondilly Cares**

From time to time, families undergo trauma such as severe or terminal illness. There are short term **support structures in place at the College to assist families** during these times. The WACCares Program offers practical support such as meals for families. Please contact Mrs Hay at the College, to assist. Confidentiality will be respected when requested.

- **Picton Rangers**

Register Now! - <http://www.playfootball.com.au/register>. Closes Saturday, 16 February 2019
When: Saturday, 9 February
Time: 10.00 am - 12.00 pm
Where: Hume Oval, Picton

- **Picton Swimming Club 2019 Trivia Night**

Picton Boling Club, Saturday, 23 February, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start, \$50.00 per table, maximum 10 people per table

- **Kids' Club**

Kids@Mac is an afterschool kids' club for children - K-4
Term runs on Tuesdays beginning on Tuesday, 12 February
Time - 3.30 pm 5.00 pm
Cost - \$3.00 per week or \$20.00 per Term
Where - Mittagong Anglican Church For more information, please contact 4871 1947 or visit www.mittang.com.au

- **Australian Physie & Dance (APDA)**

MW Physie & Dance is a new APDA Club which has opened in the Wollondilly Shire at Bargo Community Hall. New members are most welcome. No previous experience necessary. We have classes for girls three years and above, teenagers and ladies of all ages. First lesson free for new starters. Classes commence on Thursday, 7 February 2019. See the timetable below:

Venue:	Bargo Community Hall	
Times:	Tiny Tots	4.15 pm till 4.45 pm
	5-8 years	4.45 pm till 5.30 pm
	9-12 years	5.30 pm till 6.15 pm
	Open ladies	6.15 pm till 7.15 pm
	Beginner, Novice, Ladies, Inter	7.15 pm till 8.00 pm
	Masters	8.00 pm till 8.30 pm

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/mwphysieanddance>, email mwphysieanddance@gmail.com or Contact Lauren Grae on 0404 461 335.



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.

Sponsorship 2019

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Tahmoor Garden Centre

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

CLOTHING POOL

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

Opening Hours

Monday 7.45 am - 8.30 am

Tuesday 7.45 am - 8.30 am

Friday 7.45 am - 8.30 am

Location

White (Gumnut) Cottage - side windows opposite FLOWERS Canteen.

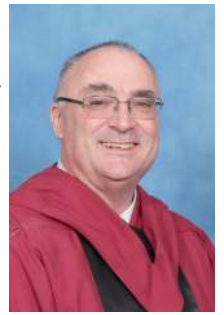
If you can spare an hour in the morning to volunteer at the Clothing Pool, please contact Melissa on 0415 402 013. It is a great way to meet other parents and save a few dollars.

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

Melissa Wishaw

P&F Clothing Pool Co-ordinator

HEADMASTER HAPPENINGS



February

Thursday, 7	Students Interviews 2020 Evening: Mayoral Reception for our HSC High Achievers
Friday, 8	Students Interviews 2020
Monday, 11	Students Interviews 2020
Tuesday, 12	Students Interviews 2020
Wednesday, 13	College Executive Meeting College Chairman and Headmaster meet Students Interviews 2020 Evening: Attending Year 7 Camp in Royal National Park
Thursday, 14	Prefect Induction Service at St Andrews Cathedral - Sydney
Friday, 15	Open Primary Swimming Carnival Students Interviews 2020 Close Primary Swimming Carnival
Saturday, 16	Preparation for HICES Meetings - Bowral
Sunday, 17	HICES Delegates Welcome and Dinner at Bowral
Monday, 18	HICES Term 1 Meeting Hosted at Wollondilly Anglican College

MARK YOUR DIARY!

February

Thursday, 7	Transition (2 Day) Information Session - 2.00 pm Year 7 Information Evening - 7.00 pm
Friday, 8	Transition (3 Day) Information Session - 2.00 pm
Wed, 13 to Fri, 15	Year 7 Camp
Friday, 15	Primary Swimming Carnival
Friday, 22	Secondary Swimming Carnival
Monday, 25	Captains' Lunch with Headmaster
Tuesday, 26	Primary NASSA Swimming Carnival (Homebush)
Wednesday, 27	Secondary NASSA Swimming Carnival (Homebush) Year 7 2020 Information Evening
Thursday, 28	Year 7 Vaccinations Visit 1 An Evening with Rory Steyn



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.

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN WOLLONDILLY

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

Facebook@christchurchwollondilly
www.christchurchwollondilly.com
PO Box 43, Bargo
Reverend Stephen Swanepoel

LEARNING - LOVING - LIVING



PRETEND HEADMASTER



Pretend Headmasters - Charlotte Bertalan (KF) and Charlie Adams (KF) have given the tick of approval for the brand new playground at White Cottage.

PRAYER POINTS

Thank God for:

- The completion of the Transition Playground and the near completion of the Outdoor Classroom and BBQ area
- Our free country, and the right to choose to educate students in a faith tradition
- The vision to set up a College like ours to serve the people of this community



Please Pray:

- For the new staff and students at the College commencing in 2019
- For the strength and courage to forgive others, just as God has first forgiven us
- That our College will maintain the right to choose staff who support our ethos

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.