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THE WARATAH WEEKLY

Endless is the Victory

A Tale of Two Dads



Do you remember Christmas? It is getting harder now that seven weeks have passed.

I am certain that time has sped up over the past couple of years. It probably doesn't help that I spent the entire first Semester of last year wishing time would hurry up. At the end of Term 2, my husband and I were fortunate enough to take our children on an extraordinary holiday. For 12 months or more leading up to the trip I thought the day would never come. It seemed so far off.

I was desperate to visit Holland. My Dad was born in Holland. I grew up hearing wonderful stories about this fascinating country. I heard that people wore strange wooden shoes called clogs and rode their push bikes with little baskets on the front. Holland is so flat that it is sinking and needed special barriers, known as Dykes, to keep the seawater out. I heard about extremely tall people who lived in windmills and wore socks with their sandals or thongs and people who ate lots of cheese, who dipped their hot chips into mayonnaise instead of tomato sauce; who sprinkled tiny little pieces of chocolate hail on their sandwiches and who have a love of eating double or triple salted liquorice.

I wanted to go and explore this country to find out where my father had come from. It was a surreal feeling as the plane descended over Amsterdam. At long last I was standing in the place I had desired to visit for as long as I could remember. Finally I had been given the chance to see the country my father had said goodbye to so many years before. Building a connection to my father in this way was extremely important to me. Not only did it provide a setting for the stories of my childhood, but it gave me a deeper insight of who I am because of him. Funnily enough, as we toured around the country I noticed more and more that I actually wasn't the tallest woman in the room, and everyone else was just as direct as me. Seeing where my father grew up and the street where he spent his childhood playing in snow covered yards had the biggest impact on me. He had spent years describing to me. On the other side of the world, as far away from him at that point as I had ever been, I had never felt closer to my Dad.

But what about our Heavenly Father? Do you remember where you were and what you were doing at Christmas? Christmas cards for your friends are nice. Christmas lists or invitations are nice too. So are presents of course. It is nice to see and do those things, but there is a lot more to Christmas. More and more this world forgets the true meaning of Christmas. Here at WAC we work hard to ensure all of our students, parents, grandparents and friends are given the opportunity to hear and learn about Jesus. It is part of the second education Dr Quarmby often speaks about. The world may forget the true meaning of Christmas and this is why it is so important that we remember and remind others. When that precious baby Jesus was born and placed in the manger, it wasn't just another birth. It was the beginning of God's rescue plan for us. For you and me it was the beginning of the story that will be completed soon at Easter.

John 3:16 says 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life'.

Christmas is about love. About God's immense love for us. It is about the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Christmas is about life. About realising we need Jesus to have eternal life. Christmas is about celebrating with the giving and receiving of gifts and remembering the greatest gift of all. Jesus.

Last year I was blessed to be able to build a stronger connection to my father by visiting the country he was born in. Last Christmas, I remembered again, the connection I have with my Heavenly Father and the gift he has given me.

What will you remember next Christmas?



From the Deputy's Desk



Parents' and Friends' Meet and Greet

On Wednesday evening we had our P&F 'meet and greet' get together. It was great see some of our stalwart parents came 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 2020 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 WAC 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 fundraising benefits our students at Wollondilly.

Our next meeting is the AGM on **Wednesday, 4 March** at 7.00 pm in the Deakin Administration Building.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program 2020

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition Planning 2020

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

Dates may vary due to bookings and weather constraints.

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster

Teaching and Learning 7 -12



PAT Testing

The College is committed to identifying the learning needs of students and differentiating learning activities. To assist in this, students in Years 7-10 will undertake PAT testing. These are short tests that are used to identify students learning needs. Mr McIntosh, our Advanced Learning and Learning Support Coordinator, (ALLS) will be working with staff as we endeavour to improve student learning. The PAT tests will occur during class time over the coming weeks.

Edumate Student Portal

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

Valid Testing Results

Students in Years 9 and 11 who undertook the Science Valid tests in 2019 received their results this week via a hard copy letter. Please check with your son/daughter.

Year 11 Time Management and Study Skills Seminar

Year 11 spent two hours engaging with staff from Elevate Education on Wednesday. The timing of these sessions at the commencement of the year was designed to set students up well with good habits for the next two years. Between Weeks 5 and 11 of Term 1 students will be spending one hour putting into practice the skills that have been learnt.

Mr Paul Burns

Director of Teaching and Learning 7-12

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

Pastoral Care T-12



Term 1 Years 3-5 Student Representative Council

Congratulations to the following students from Years 3-5 who will be representing the College on the SRC in Term 1. Students in Years 3-5 serve on the SRC on a Term basis. This provides a range of students with leadership opportunities and experience across the College year.

The students have a role in advocating for their Year Group as well as in the design of College or Community based initiatives.

Year 3 Faith
Year 3 Hope
Year 4 Faith
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Year 5 Faith
Year 5 Hope
Year 5 Joy

James Gooden
Rebecca Napier
Lisa Maher
Darren Wayne
Stuart Houweling
Matthew Stark
Phoebe Thompson

Rachel Bawden and Riley McIntyre
Sienna Wilson and Patrick Defina
Lachlan Pritchett and Erin Brown
Malachi Harper and Annabel Williams
Ailie Carroll and Jack McCarthy
Ava Pile and Max McPherson
Justin Pace and Laura Carruthers

Mr Liam Toland
Director of Pastoral Care T-12



Pastoral Matters - Senior Years 9 -12



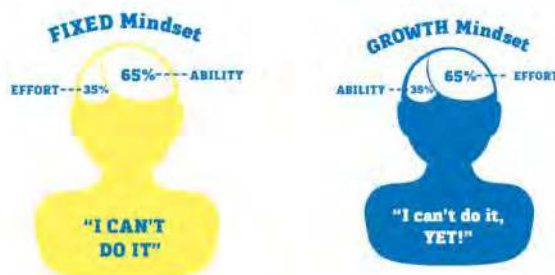
A warm welcome to senior students and parents for Term 1. I have great anticipation for the year ahead and look forward to supporting you as we move through 2020. It has been encouraging to see students getting organised and settling into their classes. We promote a 'fresh start' approach to the new year: 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, the Year Patrons have communicated the various support structures, activities and initiatives available. 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.

Years 9-10 Pastoral Care Sessions

The focus for Years 9-10 Pastoral Care sessions in Term 1 is 'THRIVE- Growth Mindset, Grit and Wellbeing.' Students will explore topics based on mindset and performance, hitting targets through behaviour and delaying gratification.

Cultivating a growth mindset is the foundation for students being able to thrive in their learning and life. A fixed mindset believes that 'innate abilities' cannot be changed whereas a growth mindset allows one to unleash the potential they have by applying EFFORT and ENERGY to develop their abilities and talents. As mindsets can be changed, it is in the best interests of staff and parents to be listening out for evidence of particular mindsets and discuss these with students as they arise.

This might involve encouraging students to: when struggling with performance adopt the phrase 'I can't do it...yet', take on a new challenge and learn through the process, focus on effort rather than just the outcome or perfection, be open to new ways of doing things, consider setbacks as an opportunity to try a different approach.



Information adopted by L.McKenna 'THRIVE- unlocking the truth about student performance', Reach Out.

Years 9-12 Roll Call

Roll Call takes place every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning. 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 designated devotion. Throughout the term students will be working through a series on 'Habits' - identifying and overcoming bad habits and 'Jesus' - how his life and mission affects us today. They will also spend time engaging in particular 'Personal Wellbeing Practices'- making wellbeing PRACTICAL. Exercises will incorporate goal setting, mindfulness, gratitude and acts of kindness. This is also a time for staff to check diaries and any communication from parents. It is important that diaries are checked and signed each week by parents so that any notes made by staff have been acknowledged.

Senior Leaders - Transport Monitors

The following students have shown initiative in accepting the role and responsibility as a Transport Monitor for 2020. They will be visiting Primary classes this week to introduce themselves to the students.

Year 10	Rory Sweeney, Abby Cupitt, Joshua Croft, Samuel Williams, Ruby Smith, Taylor Fletcher
Year 11	Grace Edworthy, Cooper Sharp, Maisie Hart, Ethan Schultz, Shailyn Nianios, Liam Nelson, Hophnie Noblett, Kiarna Cunningham, Harmony Cusack, Nerida Seidel, Samantha Cefai, Kelsie McKinley, Isabelle Robertson, Tanya Garakasha, Jordan Mottershead, Joshua Moore, Piper Rudd, James Jones, Jemma Jones, Emily Earnshaw, Catherine Shaw, Hollie Fisk, Chloe Mawbey, Darcy Baxter, Emily Hindley, Fraser Eva, Sanya Chodha, Jazmin Chamberlain, Layney Britton, Zoe Mooney
Year 12	Alex Watts, Iullita Ng

Pastoral Matters - Senior Years 9 -12 continued ...



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 (Mek G!) 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 phone: 4623 0274



Mrs Emily Madden
Pastoral Care Coordinator 9-12

Information from the Careers Room



Work Experience in the NSW Police Force

Some students in Year 10 may wish to participate in the Camden Police Area Command's 2020 work experience program. This year the program will run in May (rather than in the Term 2 holidays). If you are keen, please see me for information and application forms in Week 4. The college is very limited in the number of students who can attend, so don't delay. The Police will conduct interviews to assess the students' suitability in the last week of Term 1.

Careers Resources - the College Website and beyond

Some students and parents may have noticed that we had some teething problems with the Careers page on the new website last Term. These have been overcome and the page is now working well. I encourage you to check the multiple links which connect you with a wide range of Careers topics. Of particular benefit is the calendar of events - this outlines current information sessions, open days and special events which are being run. It will help you to plan ahead! Also there is a section dedicated to parents which will help you to support your child through the transition from College to tertiary study and/or employment.

It is important to note that much of the Careers content is generic and is supplied to several schools and colleges, not just WAC. Hence, I encourage students and parents to contact me if they need advice related to any of the Careers information that they read.

I am still planning how I will organise my weekly Careers newsletter. I will clarify this shortly, so please stay tuned.

Dr Rob Bearlin
Careers Adviser

Performance News



Musical

Musical rehearsals are now well under way. Students have each received a detailed note with dates of all shows and rehearsals, as well as other key information. If your child has not received this note, please email Mrs Talbot at s.talbot@wac.nsw.edu.au for an electronic copy.

Musical Stage Crew

Students who are interested in participating in this year's Musical stage crew are invited to begin attending rehearsals from Monday, 9 March. We will use this time to train and prepare students for their roles within the Musical.

Thirlmere Festival of Steam

This event has sadly been postponed due to the heavy demands on the time of our local volunteer community. We will advise new arrangements for Thirlmere Festival of Steam when they are known.

Ensembles

Below you will find the current schedule of rehearsal for each of our performance ensembles.

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

'MyTech' Loan Devices

There may be times when a student's device is damaged or not functioning properly. In order to ensure that students do not miss out on important learning opportunities, the College has a limited number of loan devices that students may borrow. In order for a student to borrow a loan device they need to fill out a 'MyTech' Student Loan Agreement.



This agreement can be picked up from Student Reception or downloaded from the 'MyTech' website at the bottom of the Devices tab <http://mytech.wac.nsw.edu.au/devices.php> and needs to be signed by both the parent and student. This agreement then needs to be presented at Student Reception where, if available, a device will be loaned for a period of one week. This program has been a great help to many students and it is vital that students take proper care of devices so that they can be used by other students after them.

This means that if a device is damaged while in a student's possession they will be required to pay for the cost of repairs. Once a student's device has been repaired the loan device then needs to be promptly returned to Student Reception.

If you have any further questions about this or any other 'MyTech' issue please do not hesitate to send these to mytech@wac.nsw.edu.au

Mr Wayne Baulch
Secondary Learning Innovations Coordinator

Why Music is Important for Your Child

About 90% of Australian parents advocate for music education and think that music is an essential part of a child's learning.

Music improves confidence, self-expression and fosters creativity

Music is a powerful tool in enhancing health and wellbeing. Creating and performing music can improve a young person's sense of self-worth and promote positive self-confidence.



Creating, learning and performing music is rewarding for children in many ways. It helps them to express themselves and allows an opportunity for them to feel valued. Music facilitates and nurtures growth by teaching students about responsibility, expression and assessment.

Get involved with Music, be interesting and learn a Musical Instrument.

Please contact Mr Denley on 4623 0226 or s.denley@wac.nsw.edu.au if you are interested in learning a Musical Instrument.

Mr Simon Denley
Creative Arts and LOTE Coordinator





WAC Kids Care Program

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

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

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

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

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

Mrs Kelly Evans
TAS Coordinator

WAC Kids Care



If you would like to practically support the WAC Kids Care Program, you are able to contribute food goods at any time. The following items are very helpful when preparing meals:

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

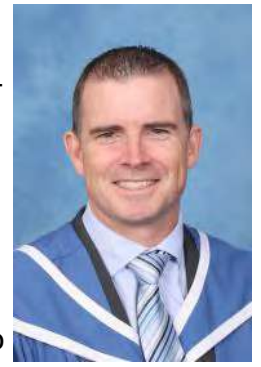
A basket is located at Student Reception. Wish Cards or cash are also welcome which can be handed directly to the Office Staff.

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

Mrs Lisa Rockwell
WAC Kids Care Organiser

Streamw at ch

Streamwatch is a citizen science water monitoring program that enables community groups to monitor the quality and health of local waterways. The College Secondary students can be involved in monitoring the Bargo River at both Kiah Ridge and Potholes.



Streamwatch data can be used as an early warning system for pollution events and to provide a historical record of how waterway health has tracked over time. The data may also be helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of remediation projects, changed management practices and improved infrastructure. Valid water quality data, collected by Streamwatch groups, can help inform the wider public, landowners, land managers, local councils, universities, research organisations, catchment and water management authorities on the health status of local waterways.

Streamwatch will usually take place on a Friday lunch time and is a great opportunity for students to get outdoors and improve their scientific skills. If students would like to participate in this wonderful citizen science project they need to get a permission note from me in the Banks Science staffroom. Once students have returned their note they will be placed on a roster to help with the monitoring program.

Mr Wayne Baulch
Science Teacher and Secondary Learning Innovations Coordinator



Knitting Club

Knitting Club runs on Friday Week A during Lunch 1 in Sturt 2, where students from Years 7-12 can come and learn how to knit. All levels catered for, knitting Trauma Teddies for the Red Cross and Penguin Rehabilitation jumpers!

This activity can also be used for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at different levels for the Skill or Service component and is a fun way to give something back to the community.

Mrs Trudy Miller
Geography Teacher





Year 11 Textiles

The College is offering for the first time a Stage 6 (Year 11 and Year 12) Textiles class. Students started the course by creating a variety of practical samples. Students completed mandatory safety tests on using textile equipment and then started experimenting with ways to improve the aesthetic appearance of a Fabric. Techniques included tie dyeing, salt dyeing, scrunch dyeing, sun dyeing. Students will look to use some of these new skills in their first project.



Year 10 Food Technology

Students under the guidance of Mrs Schwartz, started their unit on 'Food in Australia'. Their first prac this week, in involved students cooking Kangaroo sausages. In this unit students study and look at the history of the Australian Food supply and in particular the influence the Aboriginals have had on our commercial food products.

The students were pleasantly surprised with the flavour of the kangaroo as not many of them have tried it before.



Year 9 Industrial Technology

Students under the guidance of Mr Cassidy and Mrs Reason have started the year learning about the importance of using equipment safely and measuring out before beginning practical work. It was pleasing to see a range of students - both males and females picking up this subject as an elective for 2020.

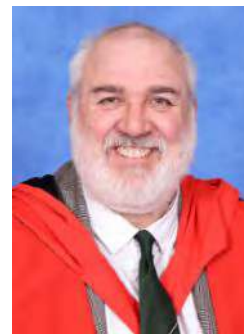


Year 6 and Year 10 - VALID (2019)

Last year, students in Years 6 and 10 completed **VALID** (Validation of Assessment 4 Learning and Individual Development). The corresponding reports have now arrived and will be sent home this week with Year 7 and Year 11 students respectively.

Any students who are away this week, and did not receive their reports, will have their reports posted home. Any parents who wish to discuss the reports may contact me.

Dr Andrew Eaton
Science Teacher



Debating News

It is debating season again and this year the College will be entering teams from Years 5 to 11 in both the MISA and HICES Debating competitions. This will give the students the opportunity to meet and compete against students from a wide range of schools including Broughton Anglican College, The Illawarra Grammar School, Oxley College, Macarthur Anglican and Shellharbour Anglican College.

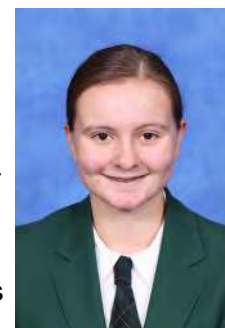


A large number of students have expressed their interest in being part of the debating squads this year. They will have the chance to fill many roles including speakers and researchers or chairing and timing the debates. The HICES debates are held after College from 3.00 pm until 7.00 pm and the HICES debaters travel to different venues for each debate. Throughout the competition the students soon build friendships with fellow debaters from other schools. The competition is an invaluable opportunity to build teamwork, interschool relationships, critical thinking skills and confidence in public speaking. The first round of the HICES Debating competition will be held at The Illawarra Grammar School on Tuesday, 25 February. The coaches for the HICES teams are Mr Matthews, Mr Davis, Mr van Netten and Mrs Croger.

The MISA competition, for Year 7 and Year 8 students, is held during school hours and is aimed mainly at beginner debaters. This competition is a good starting point for students who have not done a lot of debating in their Primary Years and who are keen to develop their skills in speech writing and public speaking. The MISA competition will begin later in the term with a workshop day for Year 7 debaters. The coaches for the MISA teams are Mrs Rigg and Mr Clark.

Any student who has not yet registered for debating, but would like to get involved is encouraged to see Mrs Croger in the Johnson building. We look forward to another entertaining year of debates.

Mrs Wendy Croger
English Coordinator



My Story by Amalie Borthwick Year 8

Pain. That was all I felt - glass shattering, earth splitting, excruciating pain. It flowed through me, over me, like a wave at Hell's Beach. It thrummed through me like little earthquakes across a landscape that was known only to me. It was like no pain I had ever felt before, it was white hot, flesh searing emotion.

He was leaving for a supposedly better life, that would be filled with the joys his youth never got to experience. A life that would be better, better without me.

But, as he held me, I could feel his grip loosen, slowly, but most assuredly he was slipping away. He was moving just outside of my reach and the reality was I could do nothing but sit there and watch - sit there and feel the pain flow over me in a tidal wave of devastation.

Of course, it got better. The waters slipped back into the ocean and the destruction was slowly pieced together. But there was still pain. Glass shattering, earth splitting, excruciating pain.

Secondary Sport



MISA Round 1

The recent rain saw only six of our eight matches played this week. It was a strong start for our two Year 10-12 Basketball sides. The Girls' team were in fine form in both offence and defence, securing a comfortable 26-6 win. The Boys' team were assisted by strong performances from Damien Shaw and Zach Napier as they ran away with an impressive 35-4 win.

The positive results continued with our Years 7-9 Girls' Indoor Cricket side notching up a 153 run win over St Francis Catholic College. Congratulations to Kelsie Carruthers and Charlotte Armstrong who formed a strong batting partnership. Our Years 7-9 Girls' Hockey team celebrated a 4-0 win to kick off their 2020 season. A special congratulations to Ava Sweeney, this week's top goal-scorer for the team. Well done, girls!



Unfortunately in Volleyball both our sides had a first round loss to Mount Annan Christian College as they look to find some form in the newly developed sides.

Secondary Swimming Carnival

On Friday, 21 February we will be holding our Secondary Swimming Carnival. Students must return their permission notes by Friday, 14 February. Students wishing to participate in the 200m Freestyle and 200m IM need to be at the pool and marshalled ready to race by 8.00 am.

NASSA Swimming

Students who place 1st in their event at the College Carnival (or top two in 50m Freestyle) will qualify for the NASSA Championships. Please note this is a night event on Wednesday, 26 February. Students who qualify will need to wear either plain black or the College swimmers along with the College swim cap on the night.

Tuesday Sport notes

A reminder that all students in Years 7-12 should have returned their Tuesday Sport note. Those who are yet to return their note will not be permitted to attend Sport and will complete a Sports Detention during this time until this is sorted. Notes can be collected from the Student Reception if yours has been misplaced.

NASSA Tennis Gala Day

We will be sending two teams, male and female, to the NASSA Tennis Gala Day on Friday, 28 February. The final selections will be advertised next week. Students are asked to return their permission notes as soon as possible once distributed.

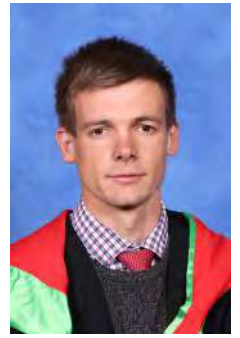
Mr Mark Goldsbrough

Secondary Sports Coordinator

Upcoming Events

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

Primary Sport



IPSSO

Unfortunately, due to the heavy rainfall over last weekend, the IPSSO games against Macarthur Anglican School had to be called off. Our next IPSSO games are at WAC against Broughton.

Primary Swimming Carnival

The Primary Swimming Carnival is on this Friday, 14 February at Wollondilly Leisure Centre. While I'm sure we're all thankful for the recent rain we've been having, please pray for fair weather over the Primary Swimming Carnival. Butterfly and the 200 IM will begin at 8.00 am. While heats for all other events will be underway by 8.45 am.

Please remind students to bring a drink bottle, hat and sunscreen as well as a towel. It may also be a good idea to bring something dry to sit on such as a rug or drop sheet. We expect the ground to be quite damp.

Stage 2 Swimming program

Commencing in Week 5 on Wednesday, 26 February, Stage 2 students will have the opportunity to participate in a six week swimming program at Wollondilly Leisure Centre. The program will run during College Sport. Spots are limited. The note will be distributed in the coming days.

Mr James Gooden

Primary Sports Coordinator

Upcoming Events

Friday, 14 February
Wednesday, 26 February
Monday, 9 March

WAC Primary Swimming Carnival
NASSA Swimming (PM Event)
Primary NASSA Soccer Gala Day



Primary Matters



K-6 Excursion Day Friday, 28 August

This year we are trialling a Years K-6 Excursion Day. This means all classes Years K-6 will be out of the College for the one day.

The benefits for this:

- ALL Years K-6 staff (including Coordinators and RFF staff) will be available for the excursion day. This enables us to more easily have extra staff attend excursions.
- Support staff will be able to attend without impacting on programs being run in the Primary Years. This enables us to have extra staff for excursions.
- There is less impact on normal lessons across the year. When single grades go out it means we often have to cancel support groups and change the normal routines of other year groups to allow us to effectively staff excursions.
- We will be more easily able to manage students with additional needs such as diabetes

The difficulties we considered:

- Bus hire may be difficult. This is not seeming to be a problem as there are a number of companies we hire buses from.
- The weather may not suit all excursions. We will postpone any Year group's excursion that cannot run due to weather, just as we have in the past.
- Different times for leaving and returning to the College. Years K-2 will be within College hours. Years 3-6 will most likely have times outside of normal College hours, however we will aim for these to be as coordinated as possible.
- Less flexibility around booking dates for some popular venues. We will address this by booking early.

All excursions will be linked to educational outcomes being covered by the Year group. We appreciate parents working with us to trial this and welcome any thoughts or questions and will seek feedback after the day. If you do have thoughts or questions please contact your class teacher via email.

Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Director of Teaching and Learning T-6

Learning Labs



This year, we will be entering three teams into the Maths Olympiad, one from Stage 3 and a team from the Year 7 and Year 8 Grace classes. If your child is in a class other than the two Grace classes, and who would like to participate in these competitions, please let me know by the end of Week 4 (Friday, 21 February).

During the April holidays (14-17 April), University of Wollongong will be holding their Learning Labs. Learning Labs is an academic and creative arts enrichment holiday program. During these holidays, the only programs being offered this time are for students in Years 1-6. If you are interested in attending one of the workshops being offered, please have a look at the website (uow.info/learninglabs) for more information. Applications close on Thursday, 27 February 2020.

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



Flexischools' new app is proving a little tricky for some, it's not hard just different, so please persevere with it. If you have serious issues it is best to ring Flexischools and they can help you with any questions. If a student has a lunch order and is leaving early due to illness or appointments please collect your lunch order before you go.

For many years now I have been using Evia yoghurt but for a number of reasons I am no longer using it. After trying a few different yoghurts since the start of Term 1 and after reading a very interesting article about yoghurt, I have chosen to now use Jalna Sweet and Creamy Yoghurt. Small or large yoghurts are available at recess and lunch for you to enjoy.

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

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

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

Protect children's uniforms by purchasing an art smock from the Canteen. They are \$20.00 each and range from extra small to large. Sport socks are also available to purchase at \$10.00 each. These are for hockey, football, soccer, etc. Your child's teacher will advise if they are needed.

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

Calling all volunteers - we need your assistance for Term 1, 2020. If you are available to help out in the Canteen please fill in a volunteer form and drop it into Student Reception or the Canteen. Hours can be flexible if you are unable to stay all day. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

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



Application for Enrolment

Applications continue to pour in for 2021 and beyond across all year groups, but especially our entry years of Transition, Kindergarten, Year 7 and Year 11.

All current College families looking to enrol siblings for the coming years are encouraged to do so without delay to avoid disappointment.

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

Mrs Kristy Biddle
Enrolments Officer



Year 7 Vaccinations

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

Students are to wear 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



WAC Social Media

The official Wollondilly Anglican College social media accounts are now live! We are currently in the early stages of content creation and implementation.

As the year progresses, the College Facebook and Instagram accounts will be a great place for you to stay updated and connected with everyday College life and upcoming events.

We look forward to the opportunity of strengthening our Wollondilly community through these online platforms.

Please like, follow and share the accounts with friends and family.



WAC Parent Guide

Please note that the WAC Parent Guide for Edumate has now been uploaded to our website. It will be located at the top of the page.

This is a useful tool when navigating around Edumate for such tasks as College invoice printing, Login details, upcoming events and so much more.

Mr Alex Hitchins
Development Manager

College Buildings Update



Welcome back. I trust you had a good break and are settling into a new year at the College. Lots of prayer to our great God over the years has been answered and has seen us grow from three buildings (as per this picture) to 18 buildings today.



As always, there is always something happening in the background as far as our building program is concerned. This year is no different with so many new projects planned. See below:

1. The upgrade of our onsite sewer system plan has been approved by Wollondilly Council last week which we plan to start this week and finish during the April holidays. Our existing system was installed during 2003 and was designed to cope with 900 people. We now have over 1100 staff and students at the College and the new system will completely replace the old one at a cost of over \$500,000.00. We are looking forward to a seamless project where we hope to keep it all flowing toward a tank full of positiveness.
2. The Stage 12 new Primary building DA is also in Wollondilly Council and we hope to start this in April as it needs to be completed ready for the start of 2021 so that Years 3 and 4 can be moved in. The design of this new building is basically the same as Cuthbert which was completed in 2018 although this building will have no undercroft area as Cuthbert has. As part of this project we plan on installing another playground as well as improving others.
3. The second entrance to the College through the Olive farm DA is in Council as well. We need this ASAP as our traffic during peak times has exceeded its maximum capacity. As soon as it is approved we will begin construction.
4. The Wollondilly Anglican College Lakeside precinct on land reserved for us just north of the Wilton Parachute Centre, is still in our sights. Nothing can happen until infrastructure such as roads, paths, power, water, gas etc have been set in place by the Developers.
5. In future there are plans to:
 - Extend the Senior Student kitchen area behind the Flynn building.
 - Fill in the Cuthbert Undercroft with specialised primary classrooms with a Dance/Drama studio, Art room and Science room.
 - A small grandstand, including car parking, above the rear oval (WACA) with toilets and showers underneath.

Please keep our College and The Anglican Schools Corporation Capital Works team in your prayers as we pursue these important DA's that are still in Wollondilly Council.

Mr Fred Schroder
Property Manager/WHS Coordinator

Traffic Safety Alert 2020



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

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



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

Mr Fred Schroder
Property Manager/WHS Coordinator



We have a reported case of **Head lice** within our Junior College. If your child has head lice they must be fully treated before returning to the College.



For more information, please follow below link
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/pages/treatment.aspx>

Community

- **WAC Kids Care**

From time to time, families undergo trauma such as severe or terminal illness. There are short term **support structures in place at the College to assist families** during these times. The WAC Kids Care Program offers support to families in the way of meals. Please contact Mrs Hay or Mrs Rockwell at the College to assist. Confidentiality will be respected.

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

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

Where: Bargo Community Hall - Wed

Girls' Classes -

5-8 yrs - 4.00 pm till 5.00 pm

9-12 yrs - 5.00 pm till 6.00 pm

13-15 yrs - 6.00 pm till 7.00 pm

Picton Shire Hall - Mondays

Ladies' Class -

6.30 pm till 8.30 pm

Oran Park Library - Tuesdays (Room 1)

Girls' & Ladies' Classes -

5-8 yrs - 4.00 pm till 5.00 pm

16 yrs & Int Snrs - 5.00 pm till 6.00 pm

Open Ladies - 6.00 pm till 7.00 pm

Oran Park Library - Tuesdays (Room 2)

Girls' & Ladies' Classes -

9-12 yrs - 4.00 pm till 5.00 pm

13-15 yrs - 5.00 pm till 6.00 pm

Beg & Int Ladies - 6.00 pm till 7.00 pm

- **Tahmoor Netball Club**

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

- **Learner Driver Log Book Run**

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

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

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

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

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

- **Burns Physical Culture Registrations now open.**

Where: **Mondays - Girls' Classes at CWA Hall Tahmoor**

Preschoolers - 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm

5-8 years - 4.00 pm - 4.45 pm

9/10 years - 4.45 pm - 5.30 pm

11/12 years - 5.30 pm - 6.15 pm

Mondays - St Anthony's Picton

Seniors - 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Ladies - 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm

Enquiries: 0404 044 298

- **Hill Top Soccer Club Registration for 2020**

When: Sunday, 23 February

Time: From 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

More information please contact Craig on 0414 885 019

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Tahmoor Garden Centre
Wilton Dental and Cosmetics 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*

The P&F is a group of parents and grandparents who volunteer their time to fundraise for the College. During the year volunteers help out at College events. It is also a great chance to build friendships with other families. Please consider volunteering a little of your time. Our next P&F Meeting is on Wednesday, 4 March 2020.

All welcome.

Mr Bill Norman
P&F President

Welcome to Term 1, 2020

P&F Clothing Pool

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

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

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

Clothing Pool Opening Hours

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

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

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

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

Volunteers Needed!



Business Directory

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



Headmaster Happenings



February

Thursday, 13	Prefects Induction Day at St Andrews Cathedral
Friday, 14	Primary Swimming Carnival Open Student enrolment Interviews 2021 Primary Swimming Carnival Close
Saturday, 15	Heads of Independent Co-Educational Schools (HICES) at Arndell
Sunday, 16	HICES at Arndell Anglican College
Monday, 17	HICES at Arndell Anglican College
Tuesday, 18	Student enrolment Interviews 2021
Wednesday, 19	College Executive Meeting Search Committee Meeting Student enrolment Interviews 2021 (Evening) College Council Meeting
Thursday, 20	Student enrolment Interviews 2021 (Evening) HSC High Achievers hosted by the Mayor of Wollondilly Shire
Friday, 21	Heads of TASC Schools and College Meeting with CEO and Chairman of the Board (Evening) TASC AGM in Sydney

Mitt agong Anglican Church

Contact: Children's Minister Rochelle Fussell, 0439 455 005 or rf@mittang.com.au. All leaders in Follow and Kids@Mac have Working With Children Checks, and are trained in accordance with Safe Ministry Guidelines. All our groups run during school Terms.

Children in K-4 are welcome to attend Kids@Mac: a fun after school club at Mittagong Anglican Church.

When: Runs every Tuesday

Time: 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm.

Cost \$3.00 per Week/\$20.00 per Term (with family discounts).

Come along for games, craft, songs, afternoon tea, stories and more! This Term our theme is "The Lion the Witch & the Wardrobe" so join us in a Spaced Out adventure.

Wollondilly Anglican Church

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

PO Box 43, Bargo NSW 2574
Reverend Stephen Swanepoel

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Pretend Headmasters



Pretend Headmasters - Isa Boland (KJ), Charlie Bentham (KJ) and Lucy Banks (KJ) give thanks to our God for the much needed rain that we have received.

Psalm 72:6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, Like showers that water the earth.

Prayer Points

Please Thank God:

- That He is our loving Father/Dad
- For the ongoing work of the Police, SES and RFS
- For our Earthly mums and dads and for the tough love they are often called on to give.



Please Ask God:

- That our community might better understand the importance of Christmas and Easter
- To be with the Anglican Schools' Corporation and the Wollondilly Anglican College Council as they conduct a search for the next College leader
- To be with the local and regional Emergency Services and Fire Fighters as they keep our country safe
- That we might find ways to be more considerate of those who love us and who act in our best interests

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

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