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THE WARATAH WEEKLY

A New Chapter



Helping Children Grow Into Their Best Selves

At WAC we frequently mention the significance of the partnership between parents and the staff. We understand that many parents choose to send their children to the College because they want what is best for them. The College environment and its distinctive culture contributes to quality education with a Christian worldview, the pursuit of excellence and the development of the values and attitudes that produce the strength of character students need to manage this world.

Obviously parents play a significant role in the growth and development of their children. Michael Grose (parentingideas.com.au) suggests that the main task for parents is to help their children grow into the best version of themselves. This can be challenging for parents who want to raise their kids in their own image. Sure, parents want to share the best parts of themselves with their children but that doesn't mean they should raise them in our own image. If excellence is a strong value, then in all probability this is a value you may like your child to share. That makes sense. However, if sport is your strength and your child doesn't share that interest, it's wise to assist your child to develop their own strengths and interests rather than push them down a path of your making.

Grose provides the following ideas to guide parents to help their child grow into the best version of themselves both socially and academically.

Encourage exploration

Young children are great explorers of territory, ideas and behaviour. Their curiosity shows no bounds and can lead them into trouble. The socialisation process that we undertake as parents is designed to keep kids social and safe. But that shouldn't mean that we discourage the curious spirit that children possess. As kids move through primary school into the identity formation years of adolescence, stimulate their curiosity and exploratory activities and interests, discuss a variety of ideas and topics and form relationships with different children and diverse generations.

Require self-control

Does your child react or respond to a difficult situation? Can your child wait a few minutes with food in front of them until others join them or do they eat immediately because they are hungry? Does your child spend all their pocket-money on themselves or are they encouraged to save some of their allowance for later? Lack of emotional control and an inability to delay gratification until later will generally hold most kids back from reaching their full potential. Self-control is like a muscle that gets stronger with practice, so encourage your child or young person to take a breath when angry, be patient and wait, and look forward to receiving gifts at special times of the year rather than getting them on demand.

Model empathy

The ability for children to empathise with others in difficult circumstances is an underestimated skill. Sensitive children generally have empathy in spades, while bullies lack the ability or willingness to put themselves in the shoes of others. Parents, grandparents and carers are well placed to model empathy. When a child comes to you with a problem or worry, validate their concerns with a response such as, "Ah, I see you're really worried by this." Such a response teaches a child the empathetic language they can use when siblings and peers experience difficulty.

Convey compassion

Compassion and caring are encouraged in education and parenting circles as prime values to instil in children and young people. By developing compassion and caring in kids, we lay the foundation for not only a strong sense of community but also for individual happiness that comes from contributing to something bigger than the individual.

Embed wellbeing

As a community we are just coming to grips with the fact that good mental health and wellbeing is central to a person's long-term happiness, work and relationship success. You can assist by embedding wellbeing habits of healthy eating, exercise, sleep, relaxation techniques, regular time in nature, gratitude and mindfulness into family-life.

I would also add the importance of having a **relationship with God**. Students at WAC hear that God loves them and has a purpose for their lives. He wants to be connected with them and this can be done simply by accepting Jesus into their lives. From this action students can draw great strength and encouragement that will assist them in their growth and development in this life and into eternity.



FROM THE INTERIM HEADMASTER

Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Gold and Silver Qualifying Adventurous Journey

Important Information:

This is a catch up hike for Gold and Silver Students who commenced their level in 2020.



Date Thursday, 25 February - Sunday, 28 February

Timing Gold 8.36 am depart Tahmoor Station to Circular Quay. Circular Quay to Woolwich Ferry Wharf to Lane Cove Tourist Park.

Timing Silver Depart WAC 3.00 pm. Students attend normal College Day and bring camping gear. Change for departure at end of the College day.

Friday, 26 February Lane Cove Tourist Park to Thornleigh Station.

Saturday, 27 February to Sunday, 28 February

Continue Hike Great North Walk via Crosslands to Berowra. Return to College 3.00 pm - parent pick up.

Costs Camp fees for Campsites

\$50.00 per student will be added to your College fees.

Equipment Students will need to carry all their own food, equipment, water, sleeping gear and tent. This will be covered at the pre-expedition briefing. An equipment list is in the Expedition Handbook issued to students.

Equipment Hire The College has some backpacks and two person tents available for hire at \$10.00 each. Hire fees will be added to your College fees.

Mr Croger, Mrs Cochrane, Mr Hart, Mrs Croger and Ms Huxtable will be supervising the students from Thursday evening to Sunday. Mr Schroder will be an emergency contact person.

Students are reminded that all College rules regarding behaviour and College expectations apply.

Please Note - the first day of the journey the Gold students will be unaccompanied by a member of staff. Staff and Silver level students will meet with them that evening.

Only students who have completed their Practice Journey Report will be able to participate.

Permission - Please give permission via the WAC App by Monday, 15 February

**Mr Ian Croger
Interim Headmaster**

College Event Calendar - Term 1 2021

Mark Your Diary

College

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

Primary

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

Secondary

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



FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY'S DESK



Motivation

At the commencement of the year it is good to consider setting up good study habits. This week, Year 11 experienced some helpful seminars from Elevate Education.

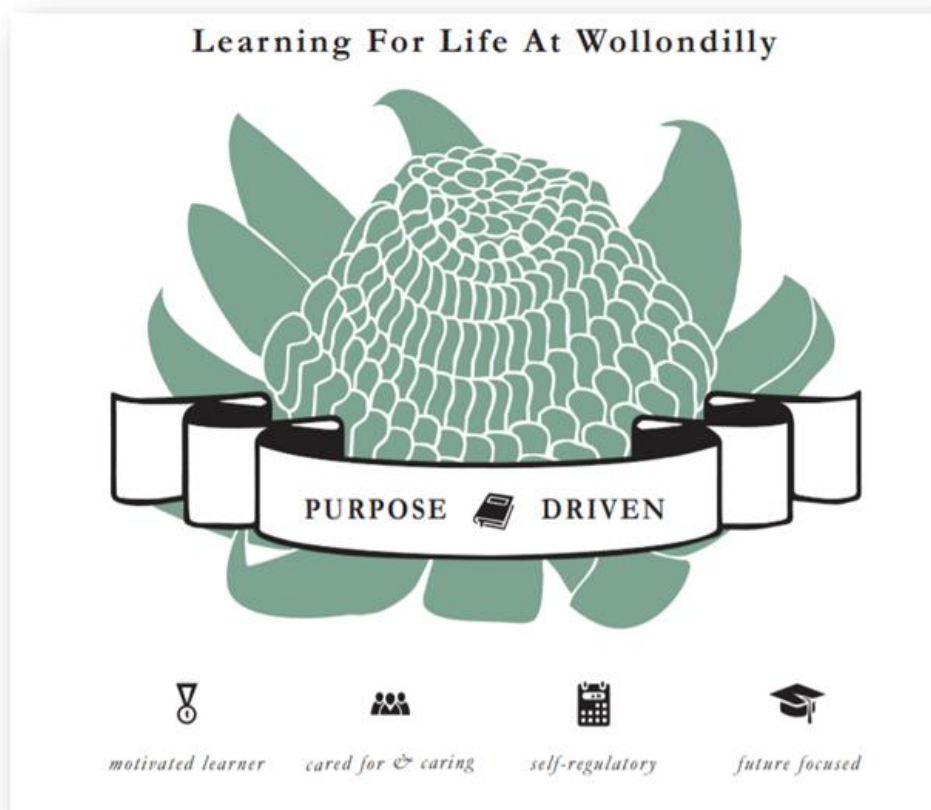
Motivation is an important consideration when developing good study habits. Students are often motivated either extrinsically (from things such as rewards and praise) or intrinsically (from a satisfaction and desire from within to achieve). Both forms of motivation can have their place. As I reflect on my own study when completing my Masters of Education Leadership, both forms of motivation were important to me. Intrinsically I had a desire to complete my studies and had a real sense of satisfaction from this. Extrinsically, I enjoyed rewarding myself with a nice meal (usually seafood) after submitting an assignment.

While providing a reward or incentive to your child for study may help in the short term (and be particularly helpful for younger students), there may also be a need to help them develop some clarity around long term goals. Highly motivated students often have a sense of purpose to their study and almost always have some direction (if only general) where they are headed. The students who achieved excellent results in the 2020 HSC had a specific goal and purpose for which they were working.

If your child lacks some goal clarity, it may be helpful to have a conversation around possible career directions post College years. A good question to ask is 'If you had three hours, what would you want to do with it right now'. Such a question may prompt areas of interest that could be explored further. For example, your child might say 'play football'. Football may be a career prospect, but there are so many other options related to football: Exercise Science, Physiotherapy, Strength and Conditioning, Sports Psychology, Nutritionist to name a few.

To further explore career possibilities there are some wonderful resources on the College Careers website and I would encourage you to speak to the College Careers Adviser, Dr Bearlin.

Mr Paul Burns
Acting Deputy Headmaster



TEACHING AND LEARNING 7-12



'The first and most important educator in any child's life - is their parent(s)'
Gabbie Stroud - Author of 'Dear Teachers' and 'Dear Parents'

Over the holidays, I read the book 'Dear Parents' and had read 'Dear Teachers' some time ago. Gabbie is a former colleague; someone who lived in my local area and someone I had taught with. What resounded with me is Gabbie's statement that 'A parent is the first educator in a child's life'. Parents teach their child morals, values, ethics, manners, social interaction and a whole range of other skills. As a College and as a Teacher we build upon this foundation that has been taught at home.

I personally have the privilege and honour of working alongside my husband and being the parent to three children. However, I find the job of parenting way harder than my job as a teacher. I am not the perfect parent (just ask my husband) and I never have claimed to be. Each of our children have brought unique challenges and differences, what technique/s worked with one child may not necessarily work with another, and I was not given a 'parenting handbook' as I left the hospital after having my first-born. I have had to rely on my own family upbringing and background - often turning to my own parents for parenting advice (some taken and others not), I have had to rely on my 'network' of other parents - whether they be friends from church, mums that I had met at a pre-pregnancy class or parents I have met along the way through dance, sporting commitments or even neighbours. Parenting is hard...

Parenting changes as children move through the various stages and parenting can even be harder when working with blended and diverse family backgrounds and situations. Parenting is harder when two or in some families more, adults are not on the same page about upbringing and parenting. In general parenting is not easy!!!!

For effective Teaching and Learning to occur at the College, we need the support from our students' parents or immediate caregivers. Support given to our homework policy, support for our diary as our main source of communication, support for the uniform policy, support for College events and activities, support of College distinctives and ethos, support of our pastoral care team who care for your children when you're not there.

How can the College support you (as a parent) as we navigate our way through educating our children to be the individuals we want them to be, to be cared for and caring and to embrace learning and, a Christian faith in a world beyond the College gates.

In 2021, we as a College hope to introduce some parenting seminars and would be keen to hear your feedback. My husband (also a teacher) having personally attended these free events run through Anglicare found it particularly helpful and useful. Please complete the **parenting seminar** found here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fMIYki92X4zUJbofYjQXdU1m9FGO1cIX0XRT8HVyAPs/>

Moving forward, we are also in the process of planning our Parent Teacher interviews in Secondary that will occur in 2021. Living in a world where COVID has dominated our planning in 2020 we had little choice as to how these sessions ran. Therefore, if you were a parent of a Secondary student in 2020, can you please complete the **Parent Teacher interview survey** via this link (this link has also been sent to parents/ caregivers email).

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qP4SBc2ATuhYUfM2Ps9_KhWLNbyDss2dYNB1Ob5kiZE

Mrs Kelly Evans
Acting Director of Teaching and Learning T-12

TEACHING AND LEARNING T-4



Homework for Years K-6 Policy

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

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

The following are the expectations for Years K-6 Homework at the College.

All students are expected to do homework four days per week. (Usually Monday - Thursday).

Incomplete homework will have consequences for students. Notes will be made in the diary to alert parents.

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

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

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

Reading time is extra above this

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

Homework will vary according to the Year Group, however in Years 1-6 there will be spelling, maths, and comprehension.

Home Readers are used by Years K-2 and for some children in older years. Years 3-6 will have genre-based reading or set novels.

Some students enjoy homework so much they want more. Optional activities can be done by these students. Please contact the class teacher regarding this.

Parents (or the student in older years) should notify the teacher if they have had difficulties with any of the set homework. This also includes taking significantly longer than the times stated above. Students should not continue to work past the times above, unless the parent feels they have been unfocused.

Parents are encouraged to listen to their K-2 students read. Other homework should generally be managed by the students themselves. Teachers will check the homework. This may occur during class-time with students marking their own work. (This allows students to know where they have made mistakes).

Parents are welcome to check work, although it is not expected.

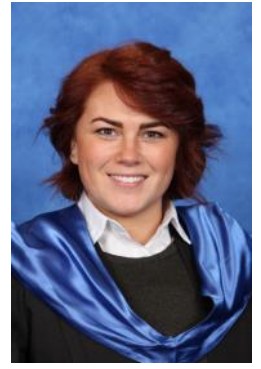
Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Director of Teaching and Learning T-6

TAS NEWS



Year 12 Industrial Technology Furnishing

The Year 12 ITF students have recently finished the prototypes for their major furnishing projects. From tables to dressers and storage solutions, these students have shown creativity in design and consideration in the functional requirements of their items.



Year 7 Mandatory Technology Food & Agriculture

This week, some of the Year 7 students had the opportunity to make their own smoothies.

They learnt about the nutritional benefits of this “fast food” and discussed why it could be a good option for people who are sometimes too busy for breakfast!

Mrs Emily Bailey
Acting TAS Coordinator



LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club orders due Thursday, 18 February

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

Book cover available to purchase

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

Mrs Justine Colombo
College Librarian



Lost Property

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

Unlabelled clothing will be donated to the Clothing Pool.

PASTORAL CARE T-12














Students over the age of 12 and staff must comply with the Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) Order 2021 when travelling to and from the College and during College excursions by public transport, or by chartered or private transport services.

This applies to staff and students who reside or travel to and from Greater Sydney, including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong. Refer to the NSW Government website for more information on wearing face masks.

Mr Liam Toland
Director of Pastoral Care T-12

W.A.C AFTERNOON BUSES WITH TOWN NAMES 2020

ANIMAL	FIRST WAVE
 35	BARGO STATION WESTSIDE ONLY THEN COLO VALE EXPRESS Operated by Berrima Buslines
 10	YERRINBOOL, ALPINE, MITTAGONG CBD, BOWRAL CBD - BERRIMA ZEBRA Operated by Berrima Buslines
 48	MARSHALL RD, AYLERTON, BRAEMAR, RENWICK, EAST BOWRAL, BURRADOO, MOSS VALE Operated by Berrima Buslines
 25	GREAT SOUTHERN RD, AVON DAM RD BARGO AND ALL WILTON AND BINGARA GORGE ESTATE
 11	BUXTON WEST OF RAILWAY LINE, BALMORAL & HILL TOP Operated by Berrima Buslines
 12	BINGARA GORGE ESTATE
ANIMAL	SECOND WAVE
 3	THIRLMERE WAY, THIRLMERE PUBLIC & LAKESLAND
 8	BARGO WEST SIDE OF RAILWAY LINE - Wellers, Elvy, Hambridge, Noongah St
 14	EXPRESS LAKESLAND, OAKDALE, THE OAKS
 17	TAHMOOR CBD, KENT RD, KOORANA RD, PICTON, MALDON,
 1	PICTON CBD, RAZORBACK, CAMDEN, ELDERSLIE
 10	BARGO RIVER RD, ALL BUXTON EAST OF RAILWAY LINE - PICTON ZEBRA
ANIMAL	THIRD WAVE

 13	ALL PHEASANTS NEST LOOP
 15	TAHMOOR - MYRTLE CREEK, PICTON, JARVISFILED ESTATE
 16	TAHMOOR CBD, ALL THIRLMERE INCLUDING ESTONIAN RD, SHELLYS LANE, STONEQUARRY ESTATE
 20	BARGO AND YANDERRA

PASTORAL MATTERS - JUNIOR YEARS T-4



K-4 Morning Drop Off & Playground Supervision

Thank you to parents for your ongoing support and cooperation with drop off. We are so proud of our students and parents for the way they have adapted to the routine.

If you need to drop your child to the College before 7.50 am, your child will need to wait under the Shoulder to Shoulder Shelter. There is a teacher on duty here from 7.30 am.

At 7.50 am, the teacher on duty in the K-4 playground will collect students from the Shelter and take them to the K-4 playground.

Please note, there is no supervision at the College before 7.30 am.

K-4 New Time for Parent Pick Up 2.25 pm

So we can maximise learning time each afternoon, from next Monday, **We will no longer have the separate dismissal times.** K-4 pick-up will begin from 2.25 pm. Students will remain in their family groups, in their current pick up location.

Please do not walk over to your child, let your child come to you.

We know there are times when parents are occasionally held up and run late for pick-up. Any child who has not been collected from the K-4 pick-up area by 2.40 pm will be taken by a teacher to Student Reception and can be collected from there.

Given the number of students being picked up each day, and the volume of traffic entering and exiting the car park, please consider if catching the bus might be a better option for you and your child. We have many children from Transition to Year 4 who catch the bus home daily. Students are walked to their bus lines by a teacher, who will ensure they get on the right bus. Students will require a bus pass, which you can apply for through Transport NSW.

Please note - Transition students are not eligible for a free bus pass.

Online Safety - Beacon App

As parents it is difficult to keep up with the digital world that our children are a part of. How do you know if the app they want to download is safe? Where can you find the information you need to make an informed decision about its use? The Beacon App is a free app which contains up-to-date evidence based safety information. Beacon can be downloaded on Google Play and the App Store.

'Beacon is designed specifically for parents as a personalised, one-stop-shop for reliable information about the online world. It arms parents and carers with the knowledge they need to confidently help navigate their children's digital behaviour and reduce harms we know are associated with being online'.

Return of Borrowed Uniform Items

If your child has borrowed a change of uniform following an accident or incident at the College, could you please ensure these items are washed and returned to Student Reception as quickly as possible. A reminder also for parents with children in Transition and Kindergarten to please keep a spare set of clothes and underwear in your child's College bag for any accidents.

Canteen - Kindergarten

Using the Canteen for the first time is very exciting for Kindergarten students. Some ways to help your child prepare for this experience is to talk to them about the cost of different items, encourage them to know what they would like to purchase before they get there, show them the money they need to pay for items and remind them that even though it is a lovely gesture, they *are not to share food or money* with their friends at the College.

Mrs Lisa Maher

Pastoral Care Coordinator T-4

SECONDARY SPORT



College App

Students and parents are reminded that all notes for Sporting events this year will be distributed digitally via the College App. No hard copies will be sent home. All parents should have received the Tuesday Sport Permission note and Swimming Carnival Note (and corresponding Google Form). Please ensure you are granting permission via the App and checking it regularly.

MISA Teams

Our Term 1 MISA Teams have now been selected. Students are reminded that masks and the specific sporting equipment required for their sport must be brought next week as Round 1 matches begin.

Swimming Carnival

On Friday, 19 February, the Secondary Swimming Carnival will take place at Wollondilly Leisure Centre.

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

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

Tennis Gala Day

Thank you to Mr Stewart who ran trials for both the Girls' and Boys' Tennis teams. Students have been notified by email and parents are reminded to grant permission for the Gala Day via the College App.

NASSA Hockey Team

Students are required to return their nomination forms by this Friday, 12 February if they wish to be involved in the NASSA Hockey side to compete at the AICES Championships in March. For further details, please contact Mrs Miller.

Bus transport - COVID

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

Mr Mark Goldsbrough

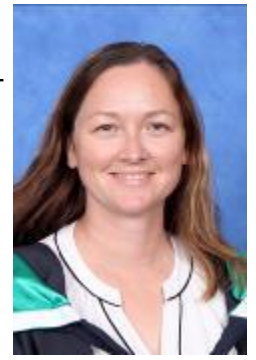
Secondary Sports Coordinator

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, 11 February
Monday, 15 February
Friday, 19 February
Friday, 26 February
Wednesday, 3 March

NASSA Meeting
NASSA Open Basketball Trials
NASSA Swimming
NASSA Tennis Gala Day
NASSA Swimming

PERFORMANCE NEWS



Primary Band

Due to a necessary timetable change, Primary Band will now meet in Melba 1 on Tuesday afternoons. Primary Band concludes at 3.30 pm.

Primary Choir

We are delighted that Primary Choir will be able to meet on Friday lunchtimes with Mrs Apps and Mrs Rigg to rehearse as a whole ensemble in person from this Friday, 12 February.

Musical

On Monday afternoon, Week 4 (15 February), we would like to work with the following cast members;

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

Please meet us at the Johnson Studio. We will be rehearsing for your team cheers and the song "Killer Instinct" so please consult your choreographic videos and songbooks so you can come prepared.

Please note that students who do not attend these important rehearsals will not be able to be included in the final production.

Our Primary Chorus from 2020 were accustomed to rehearsing until 4.15 pm, so we are going to keep this time for conclusion/pick-up time for Week 4.

If you can send your child with their white shoes and white socks (College sports shoes and socks), that would be helpful. Students should also bring a water bottle and may like to bring a hairbrush as we will attempt to trial costumes at this rehearsal. We would also like our Primary cast members to bring a dressing gown that can be worn over their provided costume.

We will be working with other students and on different songs in the weeks that follow and hope to publish a rehearsal schedule for the rest of Term 1 in next week's Waratah Weekly to assist families in scheduling.

Bring It On!

As you know our beloved annual College Musical was postponed last year due to the impact of COVID-19 restrictions.

We value the Musical and have persevered to ensure it goes ahead in some form. In doing so we juggle the competing priorities imposed by revised COVID-safe guidelines for Creative and Performing Arts in schools, the wellbeing of our lead cast members as they embark upon their HSC studies, and the importance of respecting the time already invested by cast, crew, and staff in producing what was set to be another fabulous Wollondilly Anglican College Musical.

We are working towards a live, smaller-scale showcase of some of our favourite numbers from the show. This will allow every student who was cast in the original production to participate. It will also allow us to meet the expectations of COVID-safe guidelines for the Creative and Performing Arts by reducing the number of singers involved, reducing the number of students required at the weekly rehearsals, and reducing the audience size for each performance.

We are also filming some of our rehearsals so that, should COVID-restrictions increase, we will still be able to exhibit this performance.

Of course, there will be some level of disappointment that we cannot produce the full production as per our original vision, but we are delighted to be able to exhibit some of our student work in a live format to be enjoyed by parents and friends.

We will provide further information about showtimes and ticketing in the coming weeks.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Performing Arts Coordinator T-12

PRIMARY SPORT



Primary Swimming Carnival

Ahead of the Primary Swimming Carnival, students are reminded to bring:

- Swimmers and a towel
- Drink bottle
- Lunch and recess
- Sunscreen

On the morning of the Carnival, students are required to arrive at the College and have their name marked off by their teacher and head up to the front lawn to wait for the buses. In preparedness for potentially wet weather, students are encouraged to bring a spare towel and sports shirt. Please pray for fair weather and an enjoyable day.



Stage 2 College Sport Swimming Lessons

Students in Stage 2 who are not part of an IPSSO team have the opportunity to take part in swimming lessons at the Wollondilly Leisure Centre during College sport time. Return your note promptly to guarantee your place in the program. See note for further details.

After hours sport programs for K-2 in Term 1

On Friday afternoons throughout the latter half of Term 1, K-2 students have the opportunity to sign up for one of two After College Sport Programs.

- Auskick provided by AFL NSW/ACT. The AFL are running a taster session during K-2 sport on the Friday of Week 4. To register, visit play.afl/auskick and enter 'Wollondilly', then click on "**Wollondilly Anglican College (After School) Auskick Centre**"
- Football (soccer) provided by the Football Star Academy. The first session on Friday, 19 February is free and all K-2 are welcome to attend. Email Eddie Urra at the following link for more Information - nsw6.football@sportstaracademy.com

Mr James Gooden
Primary Sports Coordinator

TEACHING AND LEARNING T-4



Parenting Seminars

We have the great opportunity to run some parenting seminars. This link provides an opportunity for parents to provide information regarding what topic they feel would be most helpful.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fMIYki92X4zUJbofYjQXdU1m9FGO1cIX0XRT8HVyAPs/>

Parent Teacher Interviews

T-6 Parent Teacher interviews will occur in Week 7, Tuesday, 9 March and Thursday, 11 March. These will be conducted over Zoom. Instructions on how things will run will be sent soon. A link to the booking system will be emailed to parents, as well as a personal code. Please check your email address on Edumate to confirm we are sending the information to the correct email address.

Homework

Homework started for K-6 this week. Please note the Homework Policy is included in this week's Waratah Weekly in my previous article. If you have any concerns please email your child's teacher.

Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Director of Teacher and Learning T-6

TRANSITION

A warm welcome to our Transition students and families. We are enjoying getting to know our students 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 Kindergarten. It is designed to complement an investigative learning environment and provides children with a sound foundation for learning to read. So far we have been learning about words and sentences. 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 'Ahhh Spider!' Which is one of our favourites.

This term we are learning about Australian Animals and we will be decorating our classroom with some fabulous craft. We have already learned that koalas and kangaroos are marsupials and their babies are called joeys.

The students have been participating in many table activities. This is a great opportunity for them 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.

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

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Mrs Melanie Grant (Twiga)
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Mrs Melanie Grant
Mrs Anita Belusic
Mrs Emily Clayton



NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE NURSE

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

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



Mrs Sally Lloyd
College Nurse



We have a reported case of **Head Lice** within our Junior Years. 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>

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT

Applications continue to pour in for 2021 and beyond, across all Year Groups, but especially our entry years of Transition, Kindergarten, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 11.

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

Enrolment packs are available from the College Office or from the College website www.wac.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Kristy Biddle
Enrolments Officer
Enrolments Contact Number: 4684 2722

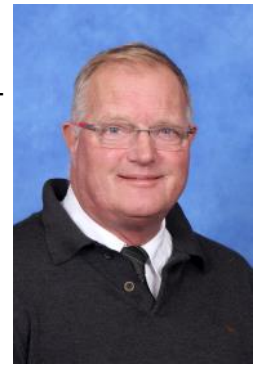


Items of Clothing from Student Reception

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

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

COLLEGE CAR PARK RULES



No Right Turn & Set Down Bays

As you will be aware, the morning peak traffic time is between 7.45 am and 8.15 am. Avoid this time if you can. The orange cones are placed at the front carpark intersection to stop vehicles turning right during the peak time to keep traffic flowing inside and out of the College. To gain access to Admin or the front carpark, please continue past the front carpark intersection to the roundabout, return to the intersection and turn left toward the set down bays.

To save last minute rushing and traffic, COME EARLIER! It's easier to find parking and is more relaxed.

There are two set down and pick-up areas at the front of the College, one in front of White Cottage and the other around the flag poles. We have 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.**

On Wednesday, 10 February we had the Year 7 students arriving with luggage to take on camp so traffic was very busy.

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. Unfortunately, there are some drivers who ignore these rules and argue with us while we are trying to keep traffic flowing.

This is not appreciated and is not fair on our staff.

We have been blessed these past 17 years with no major incidents inside or outside of the College. Most drivers are following the rules and being courteous to others and we thank you for this. Let's all work together with patience to keep our College community safe.

Mr Fred Schroder
Property Manager /WHS Coordinator



COMMUNITY

- **WAC Kids Care**

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

WAC Kids Care

If you would like to practically support the WAC Kids Care Program, you are able to contribute food goods at any time.

The following items are very helpful when preparing meals:

Rice, Pasta, Noodles and Lentils
Tinned Vegetables eg Kidney Beans, Corn and Tomato
Sauces eg Passata, Sweet & Sour and Curry bases
Stock - Chicken, Beef, Vegetable
Flours + Gluten Free
Tinned and Dried Fruit
Eggs

All donations need to be within their **use by date**. Wish Cards or cash are also welcome which can be handed directly to the Office Staff.

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

Mrs Lisa Rockwell - WAC Kids Care Organiser

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

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

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

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

Classes begin at Bargo Community Hall on Wednesday, 10 February. Registrations now open for girls 5 years and over. Ladies classes also available.

Timetable:

5-8 years - 4.15 pm - 5.15 pm

9-12 years - 5.15 pm - 6.15 pm

13-15 years - 6.15 pm - 7.15 pm

Over 15 years seniors run at Oran Park (please enquire)

Ladies - 7.15 pm - 8.15 pm

Visit our Website: mwphysieanddance.com/register/

Please note that the above is a service to the Community and items advertised do not necessarily carry the endorsement of the College. The College tries to be selective with what is advertised but cannot take responsibility. Please look into events advertised carefully.

Clothing Pool Opening Times

Regular Hours

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

EFTPOS preferred payment

Donations can be left at Clothing Pool or Student Reception.

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

Clothing Pool - PRICE LIST

Shirts	\$10
Polos, Blouses, Shirts, Short & Long Sleeve All year groups	
Shorts	\$10
Sports and Everyday All year groups	
Trousers	
Years : K-6	\$15
Years : 7 – 12	\$20
Tunics	\$30
All year groups - Summer & Winter	
Skirts	
Years 7-12 Winter	\$20
Yr 11 -12 Summer Winter	\$20
Woolen Jumper	\$20
All year groups	
Jacket - Bottle Green K-4	\$20
Blazer - All year groups	\$60
Trackpant - All year groups	\$15
Sports Jacket - All year groups	\$20
Hats	
Girls/Boys Years 7 – 12 (grey/black)	\$20
Green Aussiemate Years K – 6	\$10
Caps	
Sport or Legionnaires	\$5

Thank You For Supporting your School & Have A Great Day !

Parents' & Friends' Association

Sponsorship 2021

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	Hume Building Ph: 02 4630 8967
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	Little Elves Childcare Ph: 4684 3124
	NU-Era Homes Ph: 4655 9977
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	Hume Building Ph: 02 4630 8967

Thank you to our Diamond, Double Gold and Gold Sponsors shown above. We also thank our Bronze Sponsors who will be advertised on the College website on the Sponsors' Page along with the above. If you would like to sponsor the College, please contact Mr Bill Norman (P&F President) or Mrs Deborah Cook in the College office.

INTERIM HEADMASTER HAPPENINGS



Thursday, 11 February	Meetings with Staff Student Interviews 2022 Visit Year 7 Camp
Friday, 12 February	Primary Swimming Carnival Student Interviews 2022
Monday, 15 February	Secondary Assembly Academic Profile HSC Analysis Student Interview 2022 Meetings with Staff
Tuesday, 16 February	Meetings with Staff Evacuation Drill
Wednesday, 17 February	Meetings with Staff Student Interview 2022 Executive Meeting College Council Preparation College Council Meeting

ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

Most churches are hosting services and Bible study groups online; it's a big change. Please see below links:

- Austinmer Anglican Church Online - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQkg5CQlaD0>
- C3 Wilton Church Online - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZvjF337DgiG5kiZF81Kfnw/featured>
- Picton and Wilton Anglican Church - <http://pwac.org.au/pwac-online/>
- Bowral Anglican Church - www.bowralanglican.org.au
- Wollondilly Anglican Church - Pre-recorded services via Facebook page
- Tahmoor Baptist Church - On website through Zoom
- Wollondilly Presbyterian - Via Facebook page - Streamed Service
- St Jude's Church, Bowral - <https://vimeo.com/399339398> & Kids' Spot - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjV8-_JhIKUz93R4O0OzsWCYfAMf2mej1
- Campbelltown Christian Community Church (C4) - Search C4Minto - YouTube
- Menangle Anglican Church - <http://www.menangleanglican.com.au/>
- Mittagong Anglican Church - <https://www.youtube.com/user/mittagonganglican>

PRETEND HEADMASTERS



Pretend Headmasters - Noah Post (KF) and Sophie Lucaci (KH) are ready to wave off our Year 7 students going to Camp at Port Hacking.

Prayer Points

Please thank God for:

- Our Property Team and the great work they do at our College.
- The continued growth of the College and the 150 new students who have arrived.
- Many opportunities available to our students.

Please Pray for:

- The growth of our children to be their best selves.
- Our students developing a relationship with God.
- Our College Council members as they meet to support our College.

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.

