



THE WARATAH WEEKLY

Endless is the Victory



When was the last time you challenged your truth?

Throughout last year in a new position of responsibility I considered some of my own so called 'truths'; what I perceive to be 'right' or 'wrong'; beliefs about my own capabilities and that of others. I came to some new realisations, which I would like to share and hopefully encourage you with.

1. "Facts are from the head; truth is also from the heart".

Philosophers continue to argue about definitions of truth. This thing which we seem to rely on almost every moment of every day is so difficult to define. As humans we often believe something to be true if we can back it up with clear facts. However, it's not as simple as this. One writer described the difference between truth and fact as: "Facts are notes and lyrics on sheet music. Truth is what the singer gives to the listener when she's brave enough to open up and sing from her heart". The way I view and understand our world may be remarkably different to someone else. Unfortunately, this often leads us to form ideas and judgements that impact the way we communicate, interact and treat one another. How often do we ask questions rather than give an opinion? When you have a conversation with someone, do you listen with no agenda or do you already have an answer ready to deliver?

2. Truth tells me "I am not stuck".

It is estimated that we have around 50,000 thoughts a day. Some 95% of our thoughts are repeats, which form, strengthen and reflect our beliefs. Some thoughts have been built by our culture, the media, and religion. Some are influenced by our nature, how we have been brought up and our personal experiences. Many of our 'truths' hide in our thoughts more comfortably than our words. They are often the thing which controls us, directs us and influences how we treat ourselves and others. Sometimes we drift along with the common message, the popular, loudest voice. We lose touch with what we actually believe. Truth tells me "I am not stuck". I recently read that, "You can change your inner dialogue; you can rewrite the narrative in your mind; you don't have to submit to the way you've always told yourself the story". Challenge your truth.

3. Truth tells me "weakness can be our greatest strength".

Last year I was part of the team who travelled to Vietnam, to experience a different culture, to support a family in need and learn more about myself. I didn't quite expect to be challenged in the ways that I was. I believed that, as a leader, I was there to support others rather than the other way around. My 'truth' was turned upside down. During the build I relied on the support of my team to deal with challenges such as heat, exhaustion and physical strain. I needed their humour, enthusiasm and sense of crazy fun to keep me motivated and energised. We all discovered more about ourselves and each other. Through interacting with the family, workmen and people from the local village, I was reminded about the meaning and importance of gratitude, humility, selflessness and simple joy.

The Bible encourages us to challenge our truth. To think about what we are doing; what we are thinking or believing to be truth. Are your thoughts directing you to speak and act in ways which are counterproductive? Is your motivation based on wanting to impress others and to fit in with what's considered 'normal' or popular? Romans 12:2 reads:

² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.

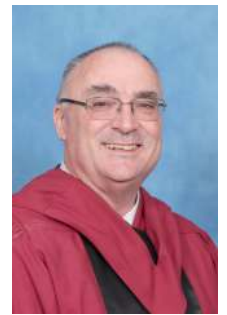
Believe the truth that you are not stuck. With courage and discipline you can become more aware of the messages you are repeating; you can transform your thoughts and habits.

Believe the truth that you don't have to be perfect. God's love for you is bigger than your mistakes. You belong not because you choose to think, speak and be like everyone else.

You belong because you are here.



NEWS FROM THE HEADMASTER



Last Thursday night the combined Churches of Wollondilly joined with Wollondilly Anglican College together to welcome Rory Steyn, one-time personal body guard to Nelson Mandela, to the Warne Auditorium.

Those who attended from the Wollondilly Shire and surrounding districts, including groups from Camden and Lakemba, were not disappointed with Rory's powerful message.

It was a great evening with funds raised for Anglicare and the African AIDS Foundation.

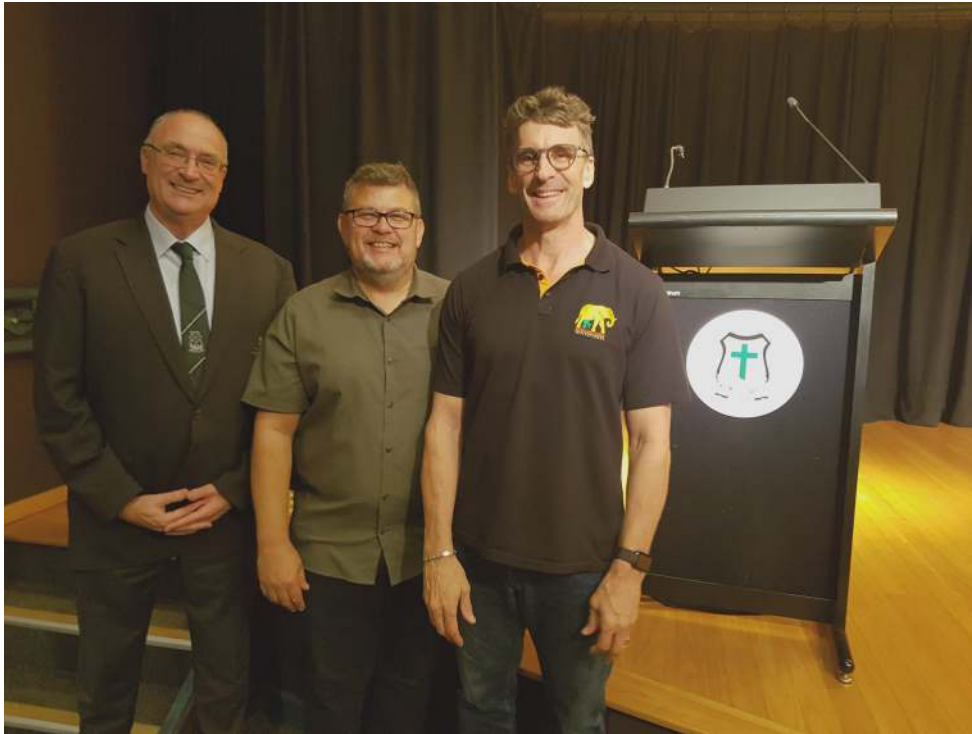


Photo - Dr Stuart Quarmby, Rev Stephen Swanepoel and Mr Rory Steyn



Guest Speaker - Henry Olonga Sunday, 7 April @ Christ Church (WAC) 9.00 am: ALL WELCOME!

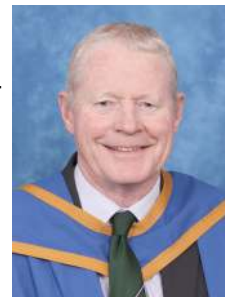
Henry Khaaba Olonga (born 3 July 1976) is a former Zimbabwean cricketer, who played Test cricket and One Day Internationals for a career span of eight years. In domestic first-class cricket in Zimbabwe, Olonga played for Mashonaland and Manicaland. When he made his Test debut in January 1995, he was the first black cricketer - and the youngest person - to play for Zimbabwe. He was a regular member of the Zimbabwe team from 1998 to 2003.

He was considered one of the fastest bowlers in international cricket, but his international career came to an end in 2003 after Olonga and teammate Andy Flower wore black armbands during an international cricket match in the 2003 Cricket World Cup to "mourn the death of democracy" in Zimbabwe. Death threats forced him to live in exile in England. Olonga announced his retirement from international cricket after Zimbabwe's final game in the 2003 World Cup competition. Olonga and Flower were given honorary life membership of MCC later in 2003.^[1]

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FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK



Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Training and Preparation Day

On Saturday, 23 March a Training and Preparation Day will be held to prepare students for their first expedition which will occur on the Saturday, 6 and Sunday, 7 April.

Due to the risks inherent with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Hiking Program **parents are required to attend the first 30 minutes** of the briefing with their son or daughter.

Details are as follows:

- Commences at 8.30 am at the College in Flynn Ampitheatre and concludes at 2.00 pm
- Students will need to bring - hat, sunscreen, water bottle, clothes and shoes for walking in the bush, a pen and food for recess and lunch. The students will be supervised and instructed by Mr Croger, Mr Hicks and Mrs Cochrane.
- Activities will include instruction on safety, first aid, navigating using a map and compass, equipment to take, route planning for the expedition, requirements and expectations for an expedition, cooking and camping skills.

Students will need to be registered with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program to attend the day.

It is important that students attend this training before they participate in the expedition or expeditions at a later date.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Practice Adventurous Journey (AJ)

The Bronze Level Qualifying AJ will take place on Saturday, 6 April and Sunday, 7 April 2019 from Minnamurra River to Gerringong.

Specific Details are below:

Saturday, 6 April

Departure from Wollondilly Anglican College at 8.00 am by College bus to James Oates Reserve near Minnamurra River. Walk to Easts Beach Caravan Park

Sunday, 7 April

Easts Beach Caravan Park to Gerringong. Return to College. Parents pick up students at WAC at approximately 2.00 pm.

Equipment:

Students will need to carry all their own food, equipment, water, sleeping gear and tent. This was covered at the pre-expedition training in March. Students will need to use a fuel stove for cooking. An equipment list is in the Expedition Handbook issued to students.

Note:

Students will need to carry at least 2 litres of water. Cooking fires are not permitted. There may be an opportunity to swim. Students may choose to bring swimmers. Toilets and showers are available at the campsite.

Costs: Caravan Park fees of \$25.00 will be charged to your account.

Equipment Hire: The College has some backpacks and two person tents available for hire at \$10.00, Trangia Cookers \$10.00, Good Quality Rain Jackets \$10.00.

Hire fees are to be paid before the expedition to the College Office.

Mr Croger, Mrs Cochrane, Mr Hicks, Mrs Maher, Mrs Miller and Mr Hart will be supervising the students. Emergency contact details will be made available. Mr Schroder will be an emergency contact person.

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

Students will only be able to attend the event if they have completed all the necessary documentation regarding their Practice Journey.

The permission forms and medical forms are due to the College Office by Wednesday, 20 March.

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster

TEACHING AND LEARNING (7-12)



Year 10 HSC Minimum Standard Testing

Over the last week Year 10 students have been completing their HSC minimum standards tests. These are a NESA requirement. Students' results will be emailed to parents progressively as they are released. The writing test results can take up to 20 days. Students who were absent for any of the tests will be withdrawn from classes over the coming weeks to catch these up.

Year 11 2019 Information Evening

Thank you to those parents and students who made the effort to attend the Year 11 Information Evening. Plenty of important information was communicated including:

- ROSA pathways
- Careers advice
- Assessment Policy processes and procedures
- Special provision processes
- Wellbeing
- College updates

Another evening will be held in Term 4 2019 as students enter their HSC year.

Creative and Critical Thinking

Learning needs to be both purposeful and reflective. In class students will be asked to explore questions about existing knowledge and seek to build on this, challenge their own and others positions and evaluate the validity of an argument or point of view.

As we seek to develop critical thinking skills, teachers will routinely ask students to:

- To make inferences from stimuli.
- Elaborate or expand on what they have said.
- Justify with evidence an argument or point of view.
- Relate issues or content to their own knowledge and experience.
- Give examples to clarify or support what they have said.
- Make connections between related concepts.

Mr Paul Burns
Director of Teaching and Learning 7-12



PASTORAL CARE - T-12

Resilience Practice - Connect to yourself

Self-awareness means taking the time to get to know yourself (Fuller 2017)

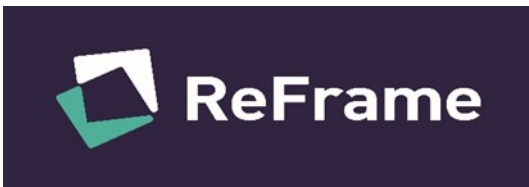
Make a component of your day focused on getting to know yourself better.

Key questions such as:

- How am I feeling today?
- What am I enjoying?
- What bothers me?
- What can I do to change that?

Looking after yourself in this way helps to process, understand and manage the impact of challenges or experiences we have.

We all need to regularly de-traumatise ourselves (Fuller 2017).



A FREE Mental Health Service for ages 12-25

ReFrame is a **free** service for young people living in Wollondilly and Wingecarribee.

Outreach services are delivered by Youth Engagement Workers and Youth Mental Health Professionals.

They have two walk-in locations:

- **5 Wingecarribee Street, Bowral**
- **4 Harper Close, Tahmoor**

There is no need for a doctor referral to access the service.

ReFrame is a holistic service offering counselling, physical health, groups and more.

If you have any questions or would like to make a referral, please contact their intake officer on 0455 104 104 or email mhintake@communitylinks.org.au

Mr Liam Toland
Director of Pastoral Care T-12



PASTORAL MATTERS - SENIOR YEARS 9-12



Years 9-10 Pastoral Care Sessions: Positivity and Resilience

Students in Years 9 and 10 have been using a classroom resource named ReachOut Orb as part of the Pastoral Care lessons. ReachOut Orb is an online serious game with a virtual world designed to improve students understanding of the skills and strategies to improve wellbeing and mental fitness. Students have played the game and participated in the follow up class discussions and activities, which reinforce the games wellbeing messages. The game has four main learning areas:

1. Mental fitness and personal strengths
2. Positivity mindsets
3. Relationships
4. Resilience



There are a number of expected benefits for students. Serious games have been proven to increase engagement and motivation of students, thereby stimulating their learning.

This week students explored 'positive relationships'- recognising the positive effect on their mental fitness of staying connected to family and friends. Also understanding their role in contributing to positive relationships. Students may choose to play this game outside of College hours if they have access to the appropriate device. If you have any questions or queries please email: e.madden@wac.nsw.edu.au.

Years 9-10 Student Wellbeing Webcast- Generation Next

The following seminars have been designed to equip students with the skills and understanding to help them maintain good mental health, to empower them to become leaders and advocates for mental health within their peer group, families, schools and the wider community.

Year 9	'You Are More Than Your Selfie.' (Sarah Alderton-Founder and Lead Educator, The Selfie Project)
Focus area	Developing a strong sense of self
Year 10	'Overcoming Adversity.' (Dr Gill Hicks- Founder of not-for-profit M.A.D for Peace, Survivor of the London Terrorist Bombings 7, July 2005, Motivational Speaker, Author)
Focus area	Building resilience and a positive mindset

Students will participate in these worthwhile seminars at the College this Friday.

Drug and Alcohol Seminar

This Friday during Period 6, Year 11 students will attend a seminar presented by Tom Reynolds from Independent Drug Education Australia. Topics addressed will include: the nature and impact of drugs and alcohol, laws surrounding drug possession and supply, drugs/alcohol and the media, the counter-productive nature of particular drug-related messages, protecting yourself and your friends when you are out and ways to seek support. Tom has presented previously at the College and students have found the seminar to be engaging and very informative.

Years 11-12 Lunchtime Volleyball Competition

Round 1 of the year 11-12 Lunchtime Volleyball Comp took place last Friday at the Senior Precinct. This is a great opportunity for students to connect as Collegiate students and enjoy a friendly competition. I look forward to reporting on how the teams progress throughout the Term.

Round 1 Winners	Team 1 (Mek, Maddi, Makaylah, Kirra, Flynn, John)
	Team 4 (Travis, Tim, Flynn, Ben, Bella)



Years 9-10 have the opportunity to enjoy a space of their own during Monday lunchtime with the start of the new Cafe 9:10 initiative. Students can come to the cafeteria at this time and play board games, socialise or just enjoy a few moments of relaxation away from the craziness of the playground! There is hot water for noodles and a toastie maker :) - **Miss Bailey, Mr Van Netten & Ms Webb**
For further contact- email: e.madden@wac.nsw.edu.au or phone: 46230274

Mrs Emily Madden
Senior Pastoral Care Coordinator 9-12



PERFORMANCE NEWS



Steam Festival Performances

Congratulations to our performers who participated in the Thirlmere Festival of Steam on Sunday. You all represented the College so well, and looked to be having fun while you did so. Well done!

Spotlight On.... Musical Cast

The annual College musical is always a highlight of the year. This year's musical is *We Will Rock You* which uses the familiar music of Queen to tell the story of a dystopian future in which a "Killer Queen" has uploaded herself to the "I-planet", destroyed all instruments and removed the "soul" from music as we know it. A group of rebels (the "Bohemians") are searching for "The Dreamer" to destroy the "Killer Queen" and bring back music with soul.

What do they do? Students sing, dance and act while developing strong ensemble performance skills and team work skills in the process. The focus is always on the musical team and students are encouraged to support one another. The performances are always first-class.

When do they perform? Our performances this year will be held on the evenings of Tuesday, 7 May, Thursday, 9 May, Friday, 10 May, and Saturday, 11 May. When tickets are available for purchase, an announcement will be made in the Waratah Weekly.

Who can be involved? Anybody in Years 5-11.

When do they rehearse? Students in the musical cast rehearse regularly each week on Monday afternoons, and in some holidays/evenings in the lead up to their performances. Secondary students audition and begin rehearsal in Term 4 with Primary students joining in when Term 1 commences.

Why be involved (a student perspective)? Because it is a good experience of team building, and it's fun. There are good songs in this Musical, I always like learning the songs. **April Ainsworth of Year 11 is performing as "Brit" in the upcoming College musical.**

Mrs Sarah Talbot Performing Arts Coordinator T-12



YEAR 9 TEXTILES EXCURSION

On Monday a group of Year 9 Textiles students had the opportunity to visit **The Sydney Opera Centre** to tour the opera production workshops and see how an opera is made. The tour was a valuable and unique opportunity to learn about costume design, production and management in the industry, coinciding with Year 9 Textiles assessment task - costuming for the 2019 College musical "*We Will Rock You*."



Throughout the day students were able to see first-hand costume production, how wigs are made, the design and manufacture of hats (millinery) as well as set and prop design and construction. The Sydney Opera is currently working on their upcoming Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour "*West Side Story*" so we were fortunate to see its production behind the scenes.

We even came across the Governor General (who was visiting the centre) and were offered the opportunity to sit in his car (the students were impressed with the numberplate)!

Overall the day was a success and we took away new knowledge and many experiences that we will remember well into the future!

For more information on the upcoming Handa Opera On Sydney Harbour visit:

OPERA AUSTRALIA

<https://opera.org.au/whatson/events/west-side-story-on-sydney-harbour>

Miss Emily Bailey
TAS Secondary Teacher



HICES DEBATING - ROUND 1

On Tuesday, 26 February the College hosted the first round of the HICES debating competition for the Southern region. Six schools from the South Coast, Illawarra and Macarthur regions fielded teams competing in four divisions.



Throughout the afternoon and evening there was a great deal of activity with different debates being held in the Flynn, Sturt, Johnson and Cuthbert buildings. A number of parents, teachers and students took the opportunity to sit in and view the debates and provide support and encouragement for the debaters. The evening also provided a wonderful opportunity for interaction with students from many different schools, all of whom have a passion for sharing and discussing challenging ideas.

Teams from the College participated in all divisions of the competition. Both the Junior and Middle division teams were successful in debating the affirmative side of the topic - *That we should implement quotas for indigenous athletes at the Olympics*. The two senior teams were drawn to debate against each other on the topic - *That foreign aid does more harm than good*. The Year 10 team were successful in this closely matched debate. The Opens team was also successful with a very difficult topic about international relations - *That we need military intervention in America rather than Venezuela*.

A team of student volunteers assisted with the running of the evening and they were of great assistance in guiding visitors around the College and serving afternoon tea. Round 2 of the competition will be held on Thursday, 14 March at The Illawarra Grammar School.

Congratulations and thankyou to all involved.

Mrs Wendy Croger
English Coordinator

STUDY TOUR TO EUROPE

The College is proposing to run a study tour to Europe in April 2020. The 14 day itinerary visits Paris, the Western Front, Nuremberg/Munich, the Bay of Naples and Rome with a focus on sites relevant to the new HSC Ancient History and Modern History units of study. We are intending to run this tour together with Thomas Hassall Anglican College. We will partner with Academy Travel, an Australian-based company specialising in school group tours.



Key information:

- Budgetary cost: A\$6,740.00 per student, multi-share; most costs covered.
- Notable exclusions - lunches (~A\$15-20 per day) and incidentals (eg souvenirs, allow ~A\$200).
- A \$500.00 deposit (non-refundable once tour is confirmed) due Monday, 8 April 2019.
- Timing - School holidays between Term 1 and Term 2, 2020.
- Approximately 15 places available; priority given to 2020 Years 11/12 History Students; where possible it will be open to other 2020 Years 11/12 students and future Senior History Students (2020 Year 10).

If there is sufficient interest and the trip is considered feasible we will hold an information evening to provide further information and answer questions.

To communicate genuine interest in the tour, students must submit an Expression of Interest form which has been signed by parents - **DUE DATE** Friday, 15 March 2019. Forms are available from Mr Hart or the College Office.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2019

Last Sunday, 3 March was the 30th 'Clean Up Australia Day'. It is estimated that around half a million people nationally volunteered their time and energy to pick up rubbish.

At the entrance to Potholes (Pheasants Nest), a team of around 60 from the community and the College got busy cleaning up. It was our biggest roll up ever. A number of other College families also participated in CUAD at other sites around NSW.

This year there seemed to be less in the way of general litter, particularly bottles (thank you returnandearn.org.au) and plastic bags - so much so that our group finished ahead of schedule. What we did find, however, was a dreadful abundance of McDonalds and KFC litter. Such a shame.

Clean Up Australia is all about inspiring and empowering communities to clean up, fix up and conserve their environments. It was terrific to see this in action. Thanks to all the participants and special thanks go to the uber organisers, Mr and Mrs Baxter.

Mr Jay Hart
Humanities Teacher



YEAR 9 CAMP

This is a friendly reminder regarding the Year 9 camp is from Wednesday, 13 March until Friday, 15 March. We will be going to Youthworks Koloona Conference Centre near Nowra, for three days of adventure, fun and team building. The focus of this camp is the hike and camp-out where they will have fun and learn valuable skills.



I would like to remind parents of the following information regarding medical needs, so that we can appropriately care for everyone:

- All medications need to be brought to the office two days prior to camp (Monday, 11 March) with a medication form filled in. These must be clearly labelled with instructions.
- Students are not to carry their own personal medication except for Ventolin and Epipens (daily medications will be administered by teachers at camp, as per the given instructions).
- Paracetamol and Nurofen will be taken and administered by a teacher if needed.

Separate to this, the students have been given a 'what to bring' list and reminded that they will be required to hand in any mobile devices upon their arrival at camp.

Year 9 are to arrive to the College at their **normal time** prior to 8.10 am (Wednesday, 6 March). We will then be leaving once their names have been marked off. We will endeavour to return to the College by 2.30 pm on Friday, 15 March in time for the College buses. If we cannot make it back for 2.30 pm, due to unforeseen circumstances, then the College will communicate this with parents via Skoolbag.

I am looking forward to spending this time with Year 9 and seeing them grow personally and as a group. If you have any questions regarding the camp please feel free to contact me at t.vannetten@wac.nsw.edu.au.

Mr Tim Van Netten
Year 9 Patron



ROBOTICS/COMPUTING CLUB 2019 - 1ST WEEK

The Robotics/Computing Club met together for the first time on Friday lunchtime in Week 5. We began with an introduction to the LEGO EV3 kits that we will be using to build five different types of robots. There was much excitement as the students got themselves into groups and started downloading the software needed for the programming of their robots, in our next lunchtime meeting we will begin building our robots .

NOTE: We will start the Club at 1.10 pm next week in B11 to allow time for students to eat their lunch beforehand. It will run until the end of lunch.

Mr Ben Jones
TAS Teacher



NASSA TENNIS GALA DAY

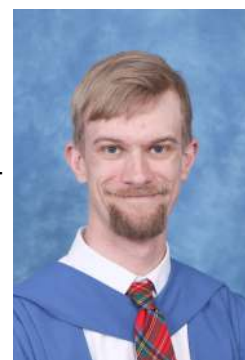
Last Friday saw 10 students head to Wests Tennis Club in Leumeah to compete against other schools at the NASSA Tennis Gala Day.

Our Boys' team came 3rd overall, beating Thomas Hassall Anglican College in the consolation final by 4 sets to 2.

Our Girls' team tried their best but came up against stronger opposition on the day so unfortunately did not progress past the round robin stage.

All students performed well and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the day.

Mr Joshua Stewart
Secondary Teacher



NEWS FROM THE INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRES



The PRC has started again for 2019. Years K-2 participate during library lessons and have their books entered online by library staff. Years 3-6 will be receiving their login details over the next two weeks during library lessons. Logins stay the same from year to year.

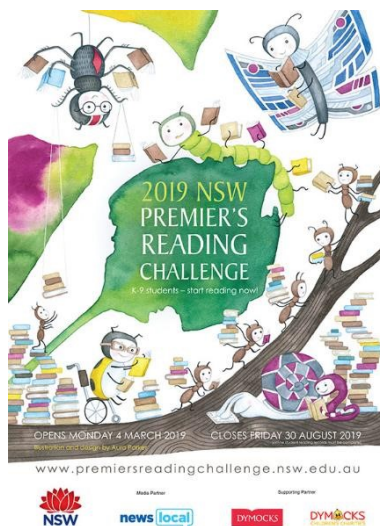
From Year 3 on, it is the responsibility of the student to enter their own books online. The procedure will be explained in class. **Years 7-9 need to contact library staff to receive their login details.** Email library@wac.nsw.edu.au for further details or speak to staff.

Put simply, the challenge for Years 3-9 is to read 20 books before Friday, 30 August this year with 15 of them being on the PRC list in your age group or above, the other five are your choice. There are thousands of books on these lists, it is not a restrictive list at all. To help you choose, WAC library books have stickers on the spine indicating that they are a PRC book. The PRC is a very rewarding experience and is great for encouraging reluctant readers as well as recognising avid readers.

Book Club orders due by Friday, 22 March

Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 is out now and available until Friday, 22 March. All orders to be made online or through the LOOP app. We no longer accept cash orders. Secondary students must choose the class 'Secondary' when ordering.

Mrs Justine Colombo
College Librarian



EXTRA CIRCULAR

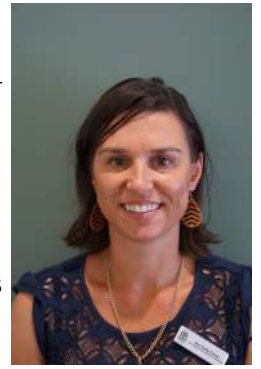
Congratulations to Sam Cefai and Isabella Craig (Year 10) who placed 1st in the Open Female Teams Division at this years Wollongong Splash Big Aqua Race. Isabella swam the 800m open water leg before handing over to Sam to run the 7km portion of the race.



Kaitlyn Williams (Year 5) has achieved an amazing achievement in her sport of Surf Lifesaving. She attended the NSW Surf Lifesaving Championships at Swansea- Belmont and was awarded with 3rd place in the State for Beach Flags and 4th place in the State for Beach Sprints. These are outstanding results in this level of competition.

Year 7 Mandatory Technology - Materials

This semester in Mandatory Technology - Materials, students have been exploring textiles and surface decoration techniques. They are making a 'carry case' to carry their ear buds or ear phones. Students have been inspired by traditional Aboriginal designs and patterns and have been replicating these designs using embroidery skills in their felt. Students have to show a link to their overall design and how their design uses the elements of design in line, direction, colour, shape, value, texture and size.



Year 8 Mandatory Technology - Food

This week in Mandatory Technology - Food, students were required to plate and present their apple galette with butterscotch sauce. Through this practical the students were practising their knife skills, ensuring the apples were cut finely and presented appropriately. The butterscotch sauce allowed them to learn about the process of caramelisation, and finally the students also focused on food styling.



Year 7 Mandatory Technology - Engineering

This Term, students have been using their maths and science knowledge along with their design skills to construct the ultimate rollercoaster ride. Students have researched various rollercoasters from theme parks around the world and have looked at speed, weight and gravity and the influence these have on the ride itself. Students will make their rollercoasters out of paper and cardboard and they will be evaluated by their peers.



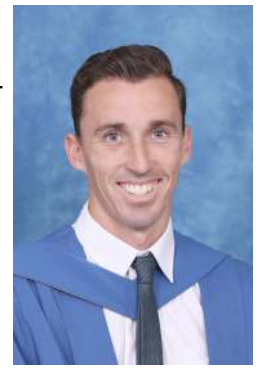
Year 11 and 12 Hospitality

Students have been busy preparing for a function to be held at the College and in doing so have been learning about hygiene, safety, mass production of food goods and quality control. Students have cooked pancakes for staff to be served on Tuesday, 5 March - also known as Pancake day. Students learnt how to make a batter, how to make a coulis, how to plate and present a food item, and how to ensure quality in terms of size and consistency of the food product. Staff were required to donate money to African Aid upon receiving pancakes and the students have learnt the importance of catering and producing goods for a function through this experience. It is also a mandatory part of the course that they complete service periods.

Mrs Kelly Evans
Secondary Technology
Coordinator - TAS



SECONDARY SPORT



MISA - Round 4

In Round 4 our Year 7-9 sides had a strong week. In Softball the boys team had a comfortable 9-3 win with Dante Machiavello, Harry Neich, Alex Jefferys and Flynn Day all hitting home-runs. In the Girls Cricket, Adeline Hamilton bowled well to restrict OPAC to 22 runs whilst with the bat we scored an impressive 93 off 8 overs to take the win. The girls' Volleyball side had an impressive 3-0 win with Lauren Cameron playing well this week. In the Boys match however, it was a tough 0-3 loss. The Girls Hockey side were in a tight battle with BAC scoring twice late in the match to eventually take a 3-1 win. Riley Godden, Amalie Borthwick and Maisie Good all played well.

In the Year 10-12 matches we had two wins from four matches. The boys' Oz Tag side fought back after trailing early, to take a 7-5 win with Mitch Rockwell scoring four tries. The Girls side let in three tries in the first half which proved to be the difference after finishing the game strongly in their 3-0 loss. In Basketball Monique McGuire stood out for the girls in their 28-14 win, whilst the boys had a close 20-24 loss to OPAC.

NASSA Swimming Representatives

Congratulations to the six students who have qualified to represent NASSA at the AICES Swimming Championships. Holly Ray, Dean Large, Murray Ray and Travis Baxter all qualified in individual events whilst the Senior boys' relay team, which included Mitch Rockwell and Flynn Griffiths, also qualified in both the Medley and Freestyle relays. All the best at AICES on Tuesday, 26 March.

CIS Representatives

Congratulations to Flynn Day (Year 8) and Dante Machiavello (Year 9) who have been chosen in the NSW CIS U/17 boys' Softball side. This is a great achievement, particularly as both boys are playing well beyond their actual age.

NASSA Gala Days - Touch Football and Netball

This Term we have both the NASSA Touch Football and NASSA Netball Gala Days. Students wishing to be selected will need to nominate themselves to trial for the WAC sides. Trials will take place throughout Week 7 during lunch times for these teams. Trial days will be announced at next Monday's assembly as well as in the Daily Notices.

NASSA Football (Soccer) Trials

Any student currently playing at a representative level, such as Macarthur Rams or equivalent NPL 1/2 sides, who would like to attend the NASSA Football Trials needs to register their interest with Mr Goldsbrough. This is a highly competitive association side (not College side) so only top players will be considered to attend. There are four teams being selected; Open boys, Open girls, Under 16 boys and Under 15 girls.

Mr Mark Goldsbrough Secondary Sports Coordinator



Upcoming Events

Thursday, 14 March	AICES Hockey
Tuesday, 26 March	AICES Swimming
Wednesday, 27 March	NASSA Touch Football Gala Day
Monday, 1 April	NASSA Netball Gala Day
Thursday, 4 April	NASSA Football Trials

PRIMARY SPORT



IPSSO

Unfortunately, due to a storm IPSSO games needed to be abandoned. These games will be replayed later in the season.

Games next week Cricket and Oz Tag games will be played at St Gregory's Primary School campus. Basketball games will be played at Mount Annan Christian College. Soccer games will be played at Birrawa Reserve, Mount Annan. At all of these venues Stage 2 games will start at 12.00 pm. Stage 3 games will start at 12.40 pm.

3-6 College Sport

Stage 2 swimming program continues next Wednesday and will run for the next four weeks. Students who forget their swimmers will be staying at the College and will take part in Stage 3 sport activities.

AFL

The AFL after school Auskick program continues on Friday. Sessions run from 2.45 pm to 3.45 pm for the next two weeks.

NASSA Soccer Gala Day

The NASSA Soccer Gala Day will be played at Blacktown Sports Complex on Monday, 11 March. Students will be leaving the College at 6.30 am. They will play a round robin competition against the seven other NASSA schools. The College will be sending a boys' and girls' team made up of students from Years 5 & 6.

Mr Stuart Houweling
Primary Sport Coordinator

Upcoming Events

Monday, 11 March
Wednesday, 13 March
Friday, 15 March
Wednesday, 20 March

NASSA Boys' and Girls' Soccer Gala Day
IPSSO games away St Gregory's and Mount Annan
Week 3 of the AFL After College Program
CIS Swimming Carnival



Thank you to The Athletes Foot for their donation to the College

PRIMARY MATTERS

Seesaw App

It is great to see parents looking at the student work on Seesaw. Here is last week's information to show how many people are using it.

I know I enjoy looking over the learning that is being posted and the students get very excited about posting their work.

Week of February 24 - March 3 at Wollondilly Anglican College



723
New Items



663
Likes



30
Comments



589
Parent Visits



PARENT CLASS VISITS K-6 - MONDAY, 1 APRIL - FRIDAY, 5 APRIL

We are inviting parents to come in and be a student for a lesson. If you are interested in joining us for a lesson please look out for the information that will be sent out next week specifically for each class.

We are limiting numbers to six parents per class per day, so it will be a matter of first in best dressed. If you miss out we will be doing these again later in the year. One parent or visitor per child please.

Please return the slip to the class teacher with your child. The class teacher will highlight your time and return it in the diary.

Please note you will join in on the lessons as a student. This is not an observation or a time to have a chat with the teacher, your child or other parents. We have found that parents have really enjoyed the experience of being a student in their child's class and hope you will too.

Please sign in at the office on arrival and be ready to start at the designated time. Anything you need will be provided by the class teacher.

Ms Jacqui Huxtable

Director of Teaching and Learning T-6

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR CODE CAMP

During the upcoming holidays, the College would like to offer students the opportunity to learn practical skills in coding. Code Camp runs programs during the College holidays where students create their own app, a game that they design and code from start to finish under the guidance of our Code Camp facilitators and a Wollondilly staff member.

The program requires a minimum number of students to run. If student numbers are reached the program would be held on Monday, 15 April - Wednesday, 17 April 2019.

Code Camp offers a three-day coding experience for students aged between 7 and 12 years of years. Students learn valuable skills such as problem-solving, computational thinking, design thinking and can get creative with their game design & coding. It's super fun and creative so no matter what your child is interested in, they will have a blast! Each child will also receive a Code Camp Hat, T-shirt and Medal upon completion of Code Camp.

At the end of camp, their apps are available for download on all devices via the Code Camp Community app! Students will be given access to the College devices or they can bring their own, fully charged device along.

The cost of the three-day camp is \$349.00. Code Camp is an approved provider of the Creative Kids Rebate which entitles you to save \$100.00, bringing the final cost to \$249.00. You can learn more about the rebate at this address <https://www.codecamp.com.au/creative-kids-nsw>.

More information regarding Code Camp can be found at <https://www.codecamp.com.au/>.

Students will need to register their interest before Monday, 11 March, by returning their note to Mrs Frost and by visiting the address <https://codecampaualia.wufoo.com/forms/r1lydrdb11vcweu/>.

Mrs Katherine Frost
Primary Teacher



TRANSITION

What an exciting start to the year! We have been very busy trying new skills and learning to work in 'groups'. This can be challenging as it involves developing listening skills, self-regulation, team work, patience and perseverance. We have also learnt the letter names and sounds for s, a, t, p and how they are formed correctly.



We all want to know about our child's day. Parents often feel frustrated when you ask your child how was their day and they simply reply "good". Or even more so when you ask your child what they did today and they respond "I can't remember".

Every day in Transition we learn a letter, we read a story as part of our PreLit program and we learn about numbers. Here are some more specific questions you can ask your child to help start a conversation about their day:

- What letter did you learn today? How do you write it? What sound does it make?
- What book did your teacher read today? What was it about?
- What counting did you do today? What number are you learning about?
- What did you play with inside/outside today? Who did you play with?
- What activities did you do in your groups today?
- What was your favourite part of the day?
- Who made you smile today?

Mrs Melanie Grant and Mrs Anita Belusic
Transition Teachers

DANCE COMPANY DEBUT 2019

Last weekend the Dance Company made their debut for 2019 at the Thirlmere Festival of Steam. We had five students represent our College in Dance; Tyler Hopkins, Jasmine Spinks, Klarisza Ricciarelli, Annaleise Forbes and Zara Luxford.



The girls performed a contemporary dance called 'Contagion' that was constructed and re-blocked in only three rehearsals which was an amazing achievement. The dancers explored new movement and executed the dance beautifully.

For the parade the Dance Company, Drama and Musical students performed a dance to 'We are the Champions' to promote our College Musical. The students were enthusiastic and uplifting to the people of our community and were a joy to watch.

It was a great way to kick off the year with performances for the Dance Company and I was very proud to be a part of this event with all students and staff involved. There are plenty more opportunities ahead for the Dance Company in 2019.

The Dance Company is open to all students in Years 9 -12 who are passionate about dance and performing in a range of different styles. We work on technique, expression and routines for upcoming performances.

Rehearsals are on Tuesday afternoons from 2.45 pm - 4.15 pm in the Dance/Drama Studio (J11).

If you are interested in joining please come see Miss Valente in the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) staffroom or send an email to k.valente@wac.nsw.edu.au

Miss Kara Valente
Dance Teacher



INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

Camp Australia are recruiting for Childcare Professionals in your area! Kickstart your next career move today!

We currently have a number of opportunities for Childcare Educators and would love to hear from you.

In this exciting role, no two days will ever be the same, and you'll have the chance to support in and around OOSH services in your area, as well as working every day to make children smile!

For more information, head to <https://careers.campaustralia.com.au/> and submit an application.

We can't wait to hear from you!

Mr Geoff Adams
Business Manager



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INFORMATION FROM THE COLLEGE NURSE

Stop the Spread of Infection

Teaching children about hand washing early in life is an important health and hygiene habit that they will practice for the rest of their lives.

Hand washing is the key to minimise the spread of diseases and infections that can make children sick. Teach your children to get into the habit to cough or sneeze into the crook of their arm if they are unable to get a tissue in time.

Covering his or her mouth when coughing is acceptable if appropriate hand washing is attended after.

Mrs Sally Lloyd
College Nurse



APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT

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

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

Mrs Kristy Biddle
Development Officer



SCHOLARSHIPS 2020/2021 - CREATIVE ARTS AUDITIONS

All Music and Dance applicants should have received a letter confirming the details of their audition which will be held on Monday, 18 March 2019.

Any queries regarding the auditions, should be directed to Mr Simon Denley, Head of Creative Arts and LOTE. - s.denley@wac.nsw.edu.au

THIRLMERE FESTIVAL OF STEAM

On Sunday, 3 March over 170 students from the College turned up to represent the College in varying contexts at the Thirlmere Festival of Steam.

It was a truly great Wollondilly day with blue skies, amazing performances by a variety of our musicians and vocalists on stage in the Entertainment Precinct and an amazing presence for the parade which was led by our College buses, followed by the students, then dancers and performers from the upcoming College Musical *'We Will Rock You'*.

The College would like to thank all the students, parents, staff and families who turned up to support the event. A special thank you also to our wonderful teachers and support staff who manned our College stand, managed the Entertainment Program and coordinated the Parade assembly.

It is great to see a culture of "we" as opposed to "me" being promoted by the students who are involving themselves in these types of events. Students and parents turned up with positive attitudes recognising that engagement in our community is an important distinctive of the College.

All students who represented the College will be issued with a Community Service Merit and a point for their House in the Overall House Shield.

SKOOLBAG APP FOR YOUR SMART PHONE

The Skoolbag App is regularly used by the College office to communicate important information to College parents and carers.

The App includes a copy of each issue of the Waratah Weekly for 'on the go' access to important College news, as well as important updates on students and the events that they are attending.

All parents and carers are encouraged to both download this app onto their devices, and also to update the Year Group of their students each year.

Mrs Deborah Cook
Deputy Headmaster's Secretary



THIRLMERE FESTIVAL OF STEAM



COMMUNITY

- **Wollondilly Cares**

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

- **Kids' Club**

Kids@Mac is an afterschool kids' club for children - K-4

Term runs on Tuesdays beginning on Tuesday, 12 February

Time: 3.30 pm 5.00 pm

Cost: \$3.00 per week or \$20.00 per Term

Where: Mittagong Anglican Church For more information, please contact 4871 1947 or visit www.mittang.com.au

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

MW Physie & Dance is a new APDA Club which has opened in the Wollondilly Shire at Bargo Community Hall. New members are most welcome. No previous experience necessary. We have classes for girls three years and above, teenagers and ladies of all ages. First lesson free for new starters. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/mwphysieanddance>, contact Lauren Grae on 0404 461 335 or email emwphysieanddance@gmail.com.

- **Vocal Lessons - Miss Tammy Nelson**

Miss Nelson is offering vocal lessons during College hours every Monday and Tuesday. If you would like to receive vocal tuition from Miss Nelson please contact her via email at tammel02@gmail.com or contact Student Reception.

Miss Tammy Nelson received her Bachelor of Music (Contemporary) in 2018 from the Australian institute of Music and has been singing for over 12 years, she loves sharing her passion with others and watching people's love for music grow.

- **Drop in Arvo - Community Links Wellbeing**

A safe place for 11-18 year olds to come and hang out

Girls meet Tuesdays from 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm (During College Terms)

Boys meet Wednesdays from 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm (During College Terms)

6 Harper Close, Tahmoor

For more information, please visit www.communitylinks.org.au or call on 4683 2776.

- **Rugby Academy - 3 Day Event**

Open to all players 7-18 girls and boys

Eridge Park, Bowral - 15, 16 & 17, April at 9.00 am

Early bird price - \$299.00 for first child

Sibling Packages - 2 kids \$349.00, 3 kids and above - \$399.00 or Single One Day - \$160.00

For more information go to <http://www.eventbrite.com.au>

- **Tahmoor Netball Club**

For ages between 5 - 16 years

Competition starts on the Saturday, 6 April 2019 and ends September 2019

Active Kids Vouchers can be used

Please email Tahmoor.netballclub@gmail.com for more information.

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

Sponsorship 2019

...friendraising and fundraising



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Mowbray Park Farmstays
Natural Services Pty Ltd
Pinnacle Tax & Accounting
Tahmoor Garden Centre

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

P&F ...friendraising and fundraising

CLOTHING POOL

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

Opening Hours

Monday	7.45 am - 8.30 am
Tuesday	7.45 am - 8.30 am
Friday	7.45 am - 8.30 am

Location

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

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

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

Hospitality Uniforms Available

Second Hand - Good condition
\$35.00 per set.

Set includes - chef's shirt, pants, hat, napkin and apron.
Payment can be via Cash or EFTPOS.

Mrs Melissa Wishaw
P&F Clothing Pool Co-ordinator

Parents' & Friends' Association

P&F ...friendraising and fundraising



Term 1, 2019



The Wollondilly Anglican College P&F would like to thank everyone who attended the AGM on Monday evening. We have a few positions that remain open, these are:

- **Vice President:** This role supports the President by chairing the meetings in his/her absence, sharing duties and responsibilities as agreed, being supportive and attending meetings and playing a constructive role in the Executive team.
- **Fundraising Coordinator:** This role coordinates the fundraising side of events for the College.
- **Sponsorship Coordinator:** This role liaises with the College, the P&F Executive and Sponsors regarding any Sponsorship enquiries. Assists with the sponsorship with all College fundraising activities such as Country Fair and Golf Day obtaining both monetary and goods & services.
- **Volunteers Coordinator:** This role coordinates our volunteers making sure there are enough people to assist with College events such as Working Bee BBQs etc.
- **Golf Day Coordinator:** This role coordinates the Golf Day, obtains sponsorship prizes and liaises with College staff and other stakeholders for the day.

The 2019 Country Fair Committee was placed on hold until our next meeting on Monday, 1 April. We require assistance from parents and friends of the College to help out our major fundraising event for the year. You will be guided through your position and have help when required by the Country Fair Coordinator and the P&F Committee:

- External stalls
- School stalls - Food
- School stalls - non-food
- Volunteers
- Rides
- Displays
- Advertising
- Waratah Weekly Correspondence



**Stall Holders
Wanted!**

We are also seeking stallholders of the College who would like to hold a stall at this year's Country Fair. If you can contact Deirdre Fitzsimmons - Country Fair Co-ordinator via email on pandf@wac.nsw.edu.au and we will forward you a booking sheet. To have your position secured we require payment and all details by Sunday, 31 March 2019, after this date we will be asking for all external College stallholders.

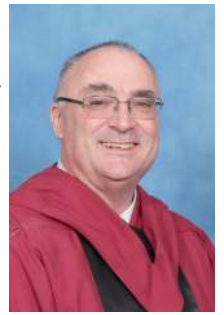
If you have a business and would like to advertise through the P&F College Business Directory. You can do so by leaving your business card with your child's name and year and you will be entered in the Business Directory Free of charge on the website. One business each week will be randomly selected as a feature business and given the opportunity to describe and promote their business in the Waratah Weekly. To apply, please describe your business in 30 words and send with your business card and other details. All applications can be dropped off to the P&F letterbox located in the Student Reception.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 1 April. It's a great team of lovely parents. Come along and meet the team.

Mr Bill Norman
P&F President
pandfpresident@wac.nsw.edu.au



HEADMASTER HAPPENINGS



March

Thursday, 7	MISA Heads' Meeting at All Saints College
Friday, 8	Student Interviews 2020 AIS Teleconference with Coachee
Monday, 11	Student Interviews 2020 Meeting with Mayor and Deputy Mayor
Tuesday, 12	Student Interviews 2020 (Evening) Meeting with Rev Stephen Swanepoel - local Minister
Wednesday, 13	Student Interviews 2020
Thursday, 14	Student Interviews 2020 (Evening) IPSSO Meeting - All Saints
Friday, 15	Greatest Shave Student Interviews 2020
Saturday, 16	College Council Planning Day Governance Training

MARK YOUR DIARY!

March

Monday, 11 - Friday, 15	International Robotics Competition
Wednesday, 13 - Friday, 15	Year 9 Camp
Friday, 15	World's Greatest Shave
Saturday, 23	Working Bee

April

Monday, 1 April - Tuesday, 8	Year 12 Mid Course Examination
Saturday, 6 - Sunday, 7	Bronze DOE Journey
Wednesday, 10	Senior Formal Assembly
Thursday, 11	Middle Formal Assembly
Friday, 12	Secondary Cross Country Carnival Years 3-6 Cross Country Carnival K-2 Cross Country (Afternoon) Last Day of Term 1



MITTAGONG ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN WOLLONDILLY

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

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

LEARNING - LOVING - LIVING



PRETEND HEADMASTER



Pretend Headmasters - Abbey Channell (KM) and Dakota Craig (KM) wish to remind Year 9 Students about bug and fire safety whilst at Camp next week!

PRAYER POINTS

Thank God:

- For the ability to challenge the way we see the world (our “truth”).
- That as we learn more about His will for our lives, we can align our truth along that path.
- For Rory Steyn and his hard won message of forgiveness.

Please Pray:

- That our students will learn to better align their truth with things that are pure, lovely and of good standing.
- For the ability to discern what is popular from what is right and the courage to follow the latter without compromise.
- That this College will always be built on the foundation of the Cross.

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.

