



## THE WARATAH WEEKLY

### *Begin with the End in Mind*



#### **Substance over silhouette**

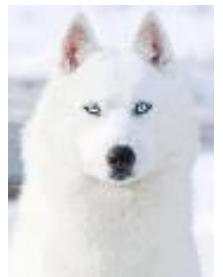
I confess that I am not a dog fan. Everyday when we go for a walk, Ros makes a bee-line for any dog. She chats away to the owner and pats the dog whilst I keep walking. Ros has met lots of people around the neighbourhood in this way. I have noted that dogs are not careful where they roll and so, apart from the possibility of being bitten, I also think of germs and worse, migrating to ones hands.

I console myself that I am more of a people person than a dog person. I explain that I can have conversations with people and I can talk about their dreams, hopes and aspirations. I explain that this is not possible with a dog. Dog people, like Ros, just look strangely at me when I say this - as though I am completely missing the point.

This is why, on our visit to Norway last year, Ros wanted to visit a Husky Farm. It was one of those expensive out-trips that are an option on the tour so I was insistent that we did not go and that it was a rip-off. Ros was equally insistent that we go and so in the end we compromised and went.



I must admit that I was kind of curiously looking forward to seeing the sled dogs. I had seen their pictures on TV - white fur, steely blue eyes. Imagine my disappointment (and the validation I received that it was a rip-off) when we arrived and the dogs looked nothing like that at all. In fact, we were shown into a yard of what looked like kelpies. It was as if we had arrived at a farm in Dubbo - except with snow. Ros paid no heed to my inner turmoil and made haste towards the "cute" dogs who were wagging their tails (and mocking me I suspected).



She started patting them and telling them they were nice and sweet in a weird baby voice. Bored after 15 seconds, I struck up a conversation with one of the farm workers who was busy shovelling dog fertilizer into a wheelbarrow. It turned out that she was Hanne Lyrek, the winner of the longest dog-sled race in Europe. This was cool: what a find!

I asked her, as politely as I could, about the dogs. She smiled. Hanne told me that she would never use one of the White Siberian huskies for a race. She said that they are all looks and no substance. She pointed to a small dog called Meische who ended up being the lead dog across the line in her first attempt at the race when she finished 17<sup>th</sup>, a disastrous race where most of her bigger dogs became tired or injured. It was the smallest dog, Meische, (seen with Ros in the picture), who lasted the longest. The small unattractive dog reminded me of a story from the Bible in 1 Samuel 16:7 where the LORD said to Samuel,

*"Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."*

At that time, the people were begging God for a King. They wanted a strong, handsome, intelligent leader with lots of personality. They were looking for a white husky. Instead, God chose a small, unattractive shepherd, David. A racing dog. It's what is inside that counts when choosing a king.

When you pray for a new Head for our College, please pray for a working dog and not a white husky.

**Pray for substance over silhouette.**



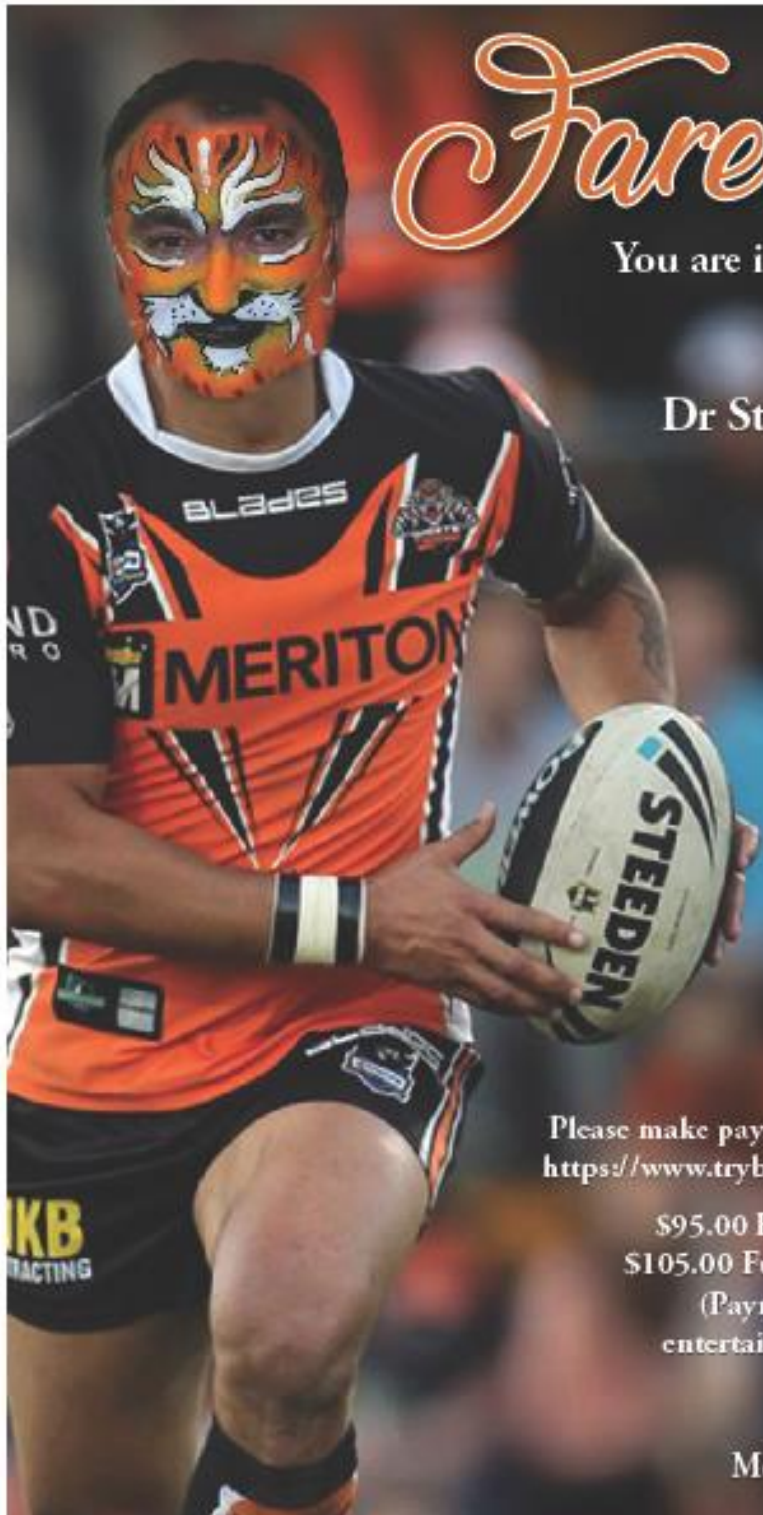
# INVITATION TO THE HEADMASTER'S FAREWELL

A Farewell Retirement Dinner has been organised for our Foundation Headmaster, Dr Stuart Quarmby to be held on Saturday, 20 June 2020. All parents, former parents, collegiate students and former students are most welcome to attend.

This event is going ahead at this stage.

For more information, please contact me on 4623 0205.

**Mrs Rhonda Hay**  
Headmaster's Personal Assistant



## Farewell

You are invited to attend  
the Farewell for  
**Dr Stuart Quarmby**  
Headmaster

**Dates:**  
Saturday,  
20 June 2020

**Venue:**  
Wests Leagues Club  
10 Old Leumeah Rd  
Leumeah

**Time:**  
6.30 pm

**Cost:**  
Please make payment on Trybooking:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BIVWK>  
\$95.00 Early Bird by 22/4/20  
\$105.00 Full Cost after 22/4/20  
(Payment includes dinner,  
entertainment & soft drinks)

**Bookings close:**  
Monday, 1 June 2020

# FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

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## Parent Contact Details

It is essential that we have accurate parent contact details so that we can quickly and efficiently communicate with parents.

Can parents please check on the Edumate portal that the following contact details are correct:

- Email address (the one you actually use the most, not the one where the spam (and junk emails go)
- Mobile phone and home phone contacts
- Address
- Priority contacts - 1st and 2nd

If you are unsure how to access the Edumate parent portal, there are details on the College website or you can contact the College Office for assistance.



## Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Presentation

Congratulations to Jemima Hart (Year 12, 2019) who was presented with her Gold Award Certificate last Wednesday by Her Excellency the Honourable Margret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales.

Jemima was among a group of 60 students from other schools and organisations who had completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Mr and Mrs Hart were able to attend the presentation with a number of parents and award leaders.



The official ceremony was held at St Stephen's Uniting Church in Sydney and was followed by a Reception at Government House.

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Training and Preparation Day - STILL ON

On Saturday, 21 March a Training and Preparation Day will be held to prepare students for their first Expedition.

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. Parents will also receive information regarding discounts for equipment.

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 for walking in bush, suitable shoes for bush walking, a pen and food for recess and lunch if they don't plan to have a sausage sandwich from the Working Bee BBQ. 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.

# FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

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## Variations to College Events and Activities

In response to managing the risk associated with the Coronavirus, the College has made the following amendments/adjustments to various events and activities.

- Playground - Restrictions on access to playground areas have been introduced for Primary students
- Assemblies - Large weekly assemblies will not occur. Smaller groups may still meet
- Chapel - Junior, Middle and Senior Chapel will be split into smaller groups
- Sport - Off Campus - Cancelled for Term 1
- Excursions and Events - Off Campus - cancelled or postponed for Term 1
- AFL after Collage Programs - WASP Academy and Friday Junior Kick Program - Postponed
- Cheer Group After Collage - Cancelled
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award Journey - Postponed
- Family Chapel (Term Service) - Cancelled
- Formal Assemblies - Middle and Senior for Term 1 - Cancelled.
- ANZAC Day - WAC student participation - Cancelled
- College Musical - Postponed
- Vietnam Trip - Under review
- Year 11 Camp - Under review - Alternative activity being assessed

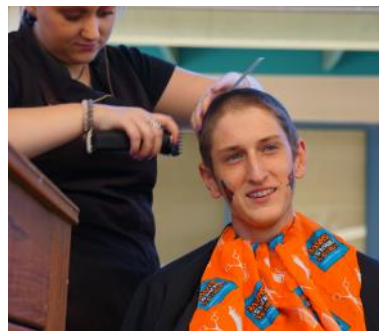
Potentially more events or activities will be cancelled or postponed and this will be communicated to parents once information becomes available. Details of postponements will be communicated once the situation is clearer.

## College Events and Activities Continuing

(accurate at the time of publication)

- Working Bee - Saturday, 21 March
- Duke of Ed Training Day - Saturday, 21 March
- Primary and Secondary Cross Country - Likely to continue but different format
- Homework Club

## Mr Ian Croger Deputy Headmaster



# PASTORAL CARE T-12

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## Resources to support parents and students with regard to Coronavirus

The following list of resources may be useful to students and parents with regard to support and approaches in discussing and understanding the coronavirus. The resources focus on providing clarity around the condition, provide practical ways to support wellbeing, have a focus on responsible online learning and appropriate approaches to self care.

I would encourage students and parents to access the resources to promote better understanding and practices in these areas as well as a range of practical supports in relation to the current situation.

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/schools/insight/leading-the-way-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

<https://au.reachout.com/articles/10-ways-to-take-care-of-yourself-during-coronavirus>

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/help-your-family-de-stress-during-coronavirus-uncertainty>

<https://www.common sense media.org/about-us/news/press-releases/common-sense-provides-resources-for-parents-to-prepare-for-coronavirus>

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/the-facts/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

## Anxiety Workshop Groups

All of Year 7 have recently received a presentation on Anxiety from our Educational Psychologist Mr Barnes. This has been valuable in normalising anxiety but also having students better understand the condition. Students completed a feedback form where they had the opportunity to self identify regarding requiring further support in this area. Parents also have been provided with the relevant information and can nominate their child if they think this will be beneficial for them.

The workshop program runs over six weeks and a specific strategy is taught in each session to assist with managing anxiety. The students will then receive ongoing support via our reunion group catch-ups. Please return the consent form if you would like your child to access the program. Consent forms can be handed in at Student Reception. The workshop program will commence soon.

## Mr Liam Toland

Director of Pastoral Care T-12

# YEARS T-4 AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

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Years T-4 are making changes to their afternoon dismissal routines. These changes will commence from Friday, 20 March:

- Transition will be dismissed from their classroom in White Cottage.
- Kindergarten pick up will remain the same, being dismissed from under the Shoulder to Shoulder Shelter.
- Years 1 and 2 from the back of Elizabeth Cottage.
- Years 3 and 4 from their classrooms.

Students catching the bus or attending WOOSH will still meet under the Shoulder to Shoulder Shelter.

If you have students in multiple years in the Junior Years, start by collecting your youngest child first. Teachers will remain with students until parents collect them.

Your support in ensuring you are not removing your child or another child from class lines without the teacher being aware, is appreciated.

## Mrs Lisa Maher

Pastoral care Coordinator T-4

# PASTORAL MATTERS - MIDDLE YEARS 5-8

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## Improving Student Performance - Growth Mindsets, Grit, Wellbeing and Social-Emotional Learning

### Growth Mindsets

“In a fixed mindset students believe their basic abilities, their intelligence, their talents, are just fixed traits. They have a certain amount and that’s that and then their goal becomes to look smart all the time and never look dumb. In a growth mindset students understand that their talents and abilities can be developed through effort, good teaching and persistence. They don’t necessarily think everyone’s the same or anyone can be Einstein, but they believe everyone can get smarter if they work at it.” - Carol Dweck, Stanford University

### Grit

A lack of persistence and resilience is inhibiting educational outcomes for many students. Angela Duckworth is a prominent researcher in the field of grit. She defines it as “perseverance and passion for long-term goals” (Duckworth, 2007). Grit is about determination, resolve, resilience, discipline, self-control, persistence and a willingness to do whatever it takes to achieve important goals. It is a combination of resilience and persistence.

People who are gritty are more resilient in the face of adversity, they bounce back after failure and disappointment, and they persist when progress is slow, boring, tedious or difficult. Grit is an action, whereas the growth mindset is an understanding. Grit is the action that leads to learning and will be the key focus of pastoral lessons in Term 2.

### Social-Emotional Learning

Students with good mental health and wellbeing are clearly better equipped to cope with the everyday demands of school life. On the other hand, learning is inhibited for those students with poor mental health and wellbeing (Sawyer, 2000). Improving wellbeing leads to improved performance in the workplace and in the classroom. It is for these reasons that social-emotional learning is a key part of pastoral programs for our students.

### Wellbeing

While some educators believe that a focus on wellbeing takes time and resources away from academic pursuits, others are aware of the evidence that “students who thrive and flourish [in terms of wellbeing] demonstrate stronger academic performance” (Norrish, Williams, O’Connor and Robinson, 2013). Students with high wellbeing gain higher grades and lower rates of absence (Suldo, Thalji, & Ferron, 2011), as well as higher self-control and lower procrastination (Howell, 2009) and enjoy more creative, open-minded thinking (Fredrickson & Branigan, 2005). Indeed, positive education (wellbeing training) is a complementary goal, rather than a competing goal with academic performance. The College embraces this positive education outlook.

### Mr Stuart Houweling

Pastoral Care Coordinator 5-8

## Junior Chapel

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we have had to make some changes to our weekly Chapel Services. Chapel for T-4 will be for students only until further notice.

Parents are kindly asked not to attend, however please continue praying for our students as they learn about God.

## LIBRARY NEWS

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### Book Club orders due Friday, 20 March

All orders are to be made online or through the LOOP app. See the catalogue for details. For Secondary, Book Club catalogues are available in Johnson, Flynn and Student Reception. Choose the class 'Secondary' when ordering. Orders due Friday, 20 March.

**Mrs Justine Colombo**  
College Librarian



## YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK TO JAMBEROO ACTION PARK & MINNAMURRA RAINFOREST

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On Friday, 6 March students in Year 12 Geography travelled to **Jamberoo Action Park** and **Minnamurra Rainforest** as part of their Fieldwork requirement for the HSC Course. Students were able to study first-hand the operation of a local economic enterprise, the constraints it faces and the impact of global change on it. They recorded useful information which will help them in their HSC examination this year.



But the day wasn't finished there, not allowing another opportunity for Field Work to slip away, we drove to Minnamurra Rainforest for lunch and a self-guided walk around the Rainforest floor. Here students were able to closely observe and evaluate the change in management strategies over time for this ecosystem at risk (it's a shame we won't be able to make it to the Great Barrier Reef to really get a good grasp on our other ecosystem case study!).

The students have certainly gained so much more than they could have in the classroom with these local studies. They are better able to articulate the new concepts they have learnt about and have a more holistic understanding about the significant role Geography plays in their everyday lives. An exhausting but exciting day.

**Mrs Trudy Miller**  
Geography Teacher



## NOTICE FROM COMMBANK - COLLEGE BANKING

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with Coronavirus, the College Banking has been temporarily paused from Friday, 20 March 2020 until the start of Term 2.

Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into the College on Wednesdays and we will notify you when banking will recommence.

**Mrs Deborah Cook**  
Executive Assistant

# TAS NEWS

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## Year 10 Textiles Technology

This Term students have been working on their 'Little Looms Task'. This involves students researching different types of fabric structures as well as different kinds of fibre types. Students were then asked to find a source of inspiration (an image, colour, texture etc.) to design and make a textile arts piece using a loom and a variety of weaving techniques.

We can't wait to see what the finished products look like.



## Year 11 Industrial Technology - Multimedia

Students in Year 11 have been learning the finer points of three-point lighting which is used predominantly in film. They have also been investigating Chrome Key as their brief is to film a short 30 second weather presentation and also to alter and change their presentation backdrop. They have been making good use of the blue screen wall in the classroom to help in the presentation and overall effect of their film.



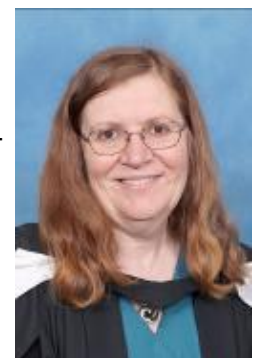
**Mrs Kelly Evans**  
TAS Coordinator

# FAMILY CHAPEL

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Owing to the current health crisis the decision has been made by the College Executive to cancel the Family Chapel for this Term. We thank Reverend Boardman for his willingness to preach at the Service. We also would like to thank Stage 1 and their teachers for their willingness to perform. We look forward to seeing you all at future Family Chapel events.

**Mrs Carolyn Clark**  
Family Chapel Coordinator





## SECONDARY SPORT

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### **Sporting events cancelled**

Due to the current situation regarding COVID-19, all external Term 1 sporting events have been cancelled. The Sporting Organisations we compete in (MISA, NASSA, AICES, CIS) have all made the decision to cancel the remainder of the Term 1 Sporting events. Term 2 events will be re-evaluated during the holidays as the situation continues to unfold.



We will still be operating a modified Tuesday Sport program, which was implemented this week. This ensures all students are remaining active, but in a controlled environment within the College grounds. Further decisions around the Secondary Cross Country Carnival and a modified organisation will be made in the near future. This will be communicated to students and parents as soon as possible.

### **WASP Academy - Term 2**

In Term 2, plans are still in place to have three WASP Academy Programs running; Netball, Athletics/ Cross Country and Soccer. We have held off handing out flyers and permission notes in case these events need to be modified in light of recent events, however, we are still very excited to get these programs up and running. For more information, please speak with Mrs Mozejko.

### **AICES Hockey Representatives**

Congratulations to Isabelle Robertson (Year 11) who was named in the AICES Open Girls' Hockey Side after her efforts as a NASSA representative at last week's AICES Championships. Laura Jefferys (Year 7) was also named as a shadow for the AICES U/16 Girls' side. A great effort by both girls!

**Mr Mark Goldsbrough**  
**Secondary Sports Coordinator**

## WAC SOCIAL MEDIA

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The official Wollondilly Anglican College social media accounts are now live!

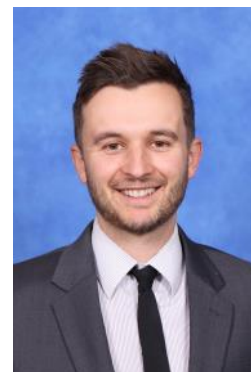
We are currently in the early stages of content creation and implementation.

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

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

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

**Mr Alex Hitchins**  
**Development Manager**



# PRIMARY SPORT

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## Changes to Sport

As a precaution against the potential spread of the Coronavirus, many sporting events involving WAC students have been postponed or cancelled.

These include:

- All Term 1 IPSSO competitions
- CIS Swimming Carnival
- Years K-4 afternoon AFL Auskick Program
- Years 5-8 WASP Academy AFL

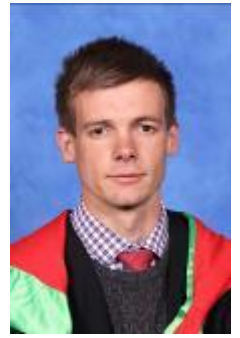
## Future WASP Academy

Stay tuned for future WASP Academy programs such as Netball, Soccer, Athletics and Cross Country.

Expressions of interest are welcome.

## Mr James Gooden

Primary Sports Coordinator



IPSSO Junior Basketball first win vs St Peters 8-0.

# NAPLAN YEARS 3,5,7 AND 9

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The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia. NAPLAN assesses writing, language conventions, reading and numeracy.

NAPLAN results will help you understand how your child is progressing through school. Wollondilly Anglican College carries out NAPLAN testing through NAPLAN Online. Students will complete the tests online, except for Year 3 writing.



The following links provide information for parents.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/understanding-the-curriculum/naplan/naplan-parents><http://www.nap.edu.au/>

The dates for NAPLAN 2020 are Tuesday, 12 May to Friday, 22 May. A more specific timetable will be provided closer to the dates. A practise NAPLAN session will be happening between Monday, 23 and Friday, 27 March in their class groups.

**Ms Jacqui Huxtable**  
Director of Teaching and Learning T-6

## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED ENROLLING YOUR CHILD IN YEAR 5?

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### Have you considered enrolling your child in Year 5?

A recent article in the The Sydney Morning Herald stated that “Enrolment figures from the Association of Independent Schools of NSW show that Year 5 has the second biggest intake of students transferring from other schools, behind Year 7 and that the Year 5 intake has been growing over the past few years’.

This has been evident at the College over recent years, so much so that we have created a third Year 5 class in both 2019 and 2020. The change has been very well received with many families commenting on the benefits to their child of the Middle Years Program as well as the security of knowing that there is no more need to worry about the high demand and limited extra positions available in Year 7.

The College has become a ‘school of choice’ in the Shire and surrounding districts and it is now common for the number of applications to exceed available positions. Siblings are given strong consideration for placement, but once positions filled and others are offered for scholarship students in Dance, Music and Academic areas, the year quickly has limited vacancies. There is little that we can do once the year is almost full and several parents then apply for siblings.

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT

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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.

**Mrs Kristy Biddle**  
Enrolments Officer

## NEW STAFF MEMBER

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We would like to welcome Miss Grace Tamme to the College. Grace has joined the Visitors' Reception Team.

Grace brings with her a wealth of Administration and Receptionist experience.

Grace is an active member of St Judes Anglican Church in Bowral where she is involved in Children's ministries.

Outside work Grace enjoys bush walking and spending time with family and friends.



## STUDENT RECEPTION

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Messages for students need to be kept at to a minimum or emergency basis. Any messages requested after 1.30 pm cannot be guaranteed to be delivered in time.

Also in the event where another person will be collecting your child/ren, please remember to carry Personal Identification as it will be requested prior to students being collected and signed out.

**Mrs Leanne Molluso**  
Student Reception Supervisor



## WORKING BEE - THIS SATURDAY, 21 MARCH

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Our first Working Bee for 2020 is scheduled for this Saturday, 21 March from 8.00 am until lunch time at 1.00 pm on this Saturday, 21 March. We would love to have you join us here at the College. We should be safe to be working together as long as we observe personal hygiene.



If you are unwell, please do not risk sharing your cold or illness with the College Community, instead stay home and get well. For those of you who are new to our College, attending a Working Bee is a good way to be a part of the greater College Community, meeting and working side by side while having some great fellowship with other parents and students. It also helps to get some of the things done around the place which we don't normally have the time for. Some of these jobs are:

- Due to the great blessing of good rain recently, a number of our gardens need weeding
- We have a limited amount of mulch and a tractor to load our utes which can then be added to the gardens
- The College carpark gutters can be swept to rid them of leaves which can then be put on the gardens as compost
- A great job for the kids is the picking up of papers around our field.
- There are lots of Library books to cover in the Deakin 3 classroom near Student Reception.

Between now and then there could be more jobs found that need attending to so don't forget to bring your gardening tools, gloves and anything else you think might help on the day. We always have a great time at our Working Bees so come along and be a part of the action to help keep our College looking great.

Due to health and contamination the Morning Tea will be provided by the College in personal packaging. The BBQ lunch will still be provided by the P&F by means of a sausage sizzle with extra caution in regards to hygiene.

**Mr Fred Schroder**  
Property Manager

# INFORMATION FROM OUR COLLEGE NURSE

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## Why we need to make sure we wash our hands properly

- Germs are everywhere
- Germs are so small that we cannot see them, but they are there
- Germs are what makes us sick
- Handwashing will get rid of the germs

## When Should We Wash Our Hands?

To stop the spread of germs at home, at the College or in the community, we need to make good hand washing a rule for everyone. It's especially important to wash your hands:

- After using the bathroom/toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Before eating
- After playing with or touching animals/pets
- Before and after visiting or taking care of any sick friends or relatives
- After being outside (playing, gardening, walking the dog, etc)
- Before cooking or preparing food
- After touching eyes, nose or mouth
- If your hands look dirty, wash them!

**Hand washing is a good habit and is by far the best way to keep us from getting sick and prevent the spread of germs.**

## What's the Best Way to Wash Hands?

Here's how to scrub those germs away:

- 1 **Wet your hands** with clean, running water (warm or cold)
- 2 **Use soap** and lather up for about 20 seconds, any soap will do (you can count or sing the Happy Birthday Song or the Alphabet Song for younger children)
- 3 Make sure you **get in between your fingers**, on the backs of hands, thumbs and under the nails where germs like to hang out. And don't forget your wrists!
- 4 **Rinse and dry** well with a clean towel or paper towel

## Other good hygiene habits - Respiratory Hygiene

Good hygiene reduces the chance of catching illnesses or passing them onto others. Good hygiene includes:

- Not sharing cups, cutlery, lip balm, straws
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow
- Using tissues instead of hankies - throw tissues into the bin as soon as you have used them and wash your hands afterwards
- Social Distancing - maintain one metre distance between yourself and anyone coughing or sneezing

So help our College and community stay safe and healthy by having clean hands and by having good hygiene habits!!!

Please remind your son/daughter about the importance of washing our hands

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/hand-washing>

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/hand-washing.html>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

**Mrs Sally Lloyd**  
**College Nurse**

## FAMILIARITY DOES NOT BREED CONTEMPT

An old Farmer lived on a farm in the mountains with his young grandson. Each morning Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading his BIBLE. His grandson wanted to be just like him and tried to imitate him in every way he could.

One day the grandson asked, "Grandpa! I try to read the BIBLE just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the BIBLE do?"

The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and replied, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring me back a basket of water."

The boy did as he was told, but all the water leaked out before he got back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You'll have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket for his second attempt.

This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was impossible to carry water in a basket, and he went to get a bucket instead.

The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You're just not trying hard enough," and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could the water would leak out before he got back to the house.

The boy again dipped the basket into river and ran his hardest, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, "See Grandpa, it's useless!"

"So you think it is useless?" The old man said, "Look at the basket."

The boy looked at the basket and for the first time realized that the basket was different. It had been transformed from a dirty old coal basket and was now clean, inside and out.

*"Son, that's what happens when you read the BIBLE. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, you will be changed, inside and out.  
That is the work of Jesus in our lives." #anonymous*

Those who seek to be familiar with God's Word cannot hold contempt for it.

### Today's Soul Snippet:

'A blind eye is worse than a lame foot.' ~ Thomas Watson



# COMMUNITY

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- **WAC Kids Care**

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

- Fundraiser for the Family of Firefighter, Andrew O'Dwyer, who lost his life in the recent bushfires.

Date: Friday, 27 March 2020

Venue: Mawson Park, Campbelltown

Time: 3.30 pm till 6.30 pm

All welcome BBQ, auctions and more.

If you would like to donate any prizes to be placed into hampers for the auctions and raffles, please contact Nichole Rogers on 0478 181 322 or visit

<https://facebook.com/events/s/odwyer-family-fundraiser/801267827050931/?ti=icl>

[https://www.facebook.com/donate/195257428488955/?fundraiser\\_source=external\\_url](https://www.facebook.com/donate/195257428488955/?fundraiser_source=external_url)

- **Together Arts Exhibition**

Where: Old Post Office - Argyle Street, Picton

When: Thursday, 28 until Saturday, 30 May

Theme: *"In This Together"*

For more information, please visit [www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)

- **Amazingly Awesome Autism Get-together**

When: Thursday, 2 April

Where: Bradman Oval - St Jude Street, Bowral

Time: 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Price: Gold coin donation

RSVP: Monday, 16 March to Kelly either by 1300 112 334 or [events@interchangeau.org](mailto:events@interchangeau.org)

- **ASDESI Holiday Kids Klub - April 2020**

Where: Springett House

Ages: 6-18

For more information, please contact 4868 6677, 1300 112 334, email [events@interchangeau.org](mailto:events@interchangeau.org), visit [interchangeau.org](http://interchangeau.org) or [facebook.com/asdesiau](https://facebook.com/asdesiau)

**Please check with individual coordinators  
as to whether the events are going ahead.**

**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 2020

...friendraising and fundraising



### Diamond Sponsor

Bradcorp

### Double Gold

Anytime Fitness Tahmoor  
Hume Building  
Simec Mining  
Stanton Dahl Architects

### Gold Sponsors

Best Practice Commercial &  
Accounting Services  
Carpenter Partners Real Estate  
Glitz n Glamour Photography  
Hills Commercial Cleaning (QUEDOS)  
Ken Shafer Smash Repairs  
Kwik Kopy Macarthur  
Little Elves Childcare  
Little Elves OOSH  
Narellan Pools  
Nu-era Homes  
Oxley Butchery  
Taverner Landscapes  
Thornton Bros Roses

### Silver Sponsors

Casey's Toys  
Country Valley Ptd Ltd  
Eye Power Tahmoor  
Greenmantle Valley Pastured Eggs  
Loves  
Cornerstone  
Mittagong Auto Tech  
Natural Services  
Pheasants Nest Produce  
Picton Tennis Association  
Pinnacle Tax & Accounting  
Tahmoor Garden Centre  
Wilton Dental and Cosmetics Centre

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

**P&F** ...friendraising and fundraising

### P&F Clothing Pool

NOW OPEN EVERY MORNING 7.45 am to 8.30 am !!

Thank you to all the volunteers who have made this possible.

|                  |                      |
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| <b>Monday</b>    | Jodie & Sharon       |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Janise & Barbara     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Alison & Claudia     |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Janise & Melissa     |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Cristina & Stephanie |

Happy to hear from anyone who would like be a volunteer, the more the merrier!!  
Call Melissa on 0415 402 013

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Location        | Side windows of White Cottage - Opposite FLOWERS<br>Canteen |
| Payment Options | EFTPOS or Cash  |



## Wollondilly Anglican College P&F Committee invite you to a Morning Tea - Hosted by P&F

### Next P&F Meeting

When: Wednesday, 6 April  
Time: 7.00 pm  
Where: Deakin Administration Building.

### 2020 P&F Committee Members

|                             |                                      |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| President:                  | Bill Norman                          |
| Vice President:             | Brandon Cooper                       |
| Treasurer:                  | Narelle Shafer                       |
| Secretary:                  | Deirdre Fitzsimmons                  |
| Clothing Pool:              | Melissa Wishaw                       |
| Golf Day Coordinators:      | Brandon Cooper & Deirdre Fitzsimmons |
| Country Fair Coordinator:   | Deirdre Fitzsimmons                  |
| Service Stalls Coordinator: | Christine Hazelton                   |
| Student Banking:            | Julie Littler                        |
| Volunteers Coordinator:     | Judy Baxter                          |
| Communications:             | Vacant                               |
| Sponsorship:                | Vacant                               |

### Business Directory

Oxley Butchery

"Oxley Butchery was established in 1999 by the existing owner, a second generation Butcher.

We apply old fashioned methods with modern ideas.

All of our produce is farm fresh, no packaged or cryovac meats, to provide the best quality for our customers."

Please contact (02) 4861 1570 to order your meat today.



### New Item Available at Clothing Pool from Term 2

#### Drybodz Ponchos

Keep your kids and their belongings dry with a Drybodz™ poncho.

With the rainy weather joining us, the College and P&F will be running a Pre-Order of DryBodz Ponchos to assist in ordering adequate supplies.

#### Children's Poncho Sizes - \$18.00

Small: Transition -Year 1

Medium: Year 2 - Year 3

Large: Year 4 - Year 6

#### Adult poncho size - \$18.00

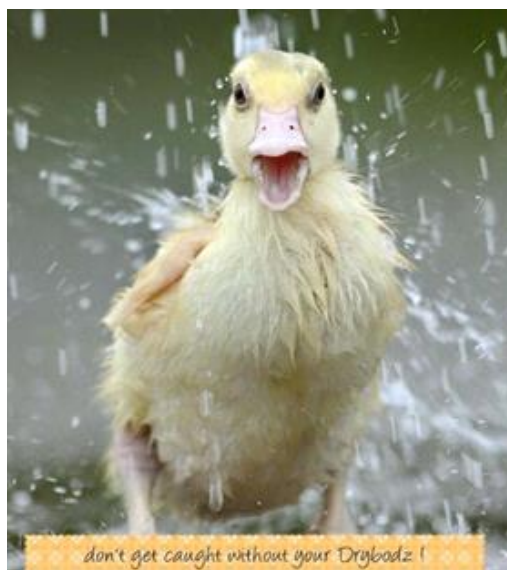
One size only

Fill out your Pre-Order Form in this week's Waratah Weekly with the name of your oldest child and class (roll call class for Years 7-12) and place order form in the P&F letterbox at the Student Reception by **Friday, 28 March 2020**.

**All card payments will be processed on this date.**

Distribution will be direct to your oldest child's class (roll call for Years 7-12)

If you would like to view and try on the product, please visit the Clothing Pool to try on the samples. Place your pre-order into the P&F letterbox at Student Reception.



# HEADMASTER HAPPENINGS

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## March

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|---------------------|--|
| Thursday, 19        | Student Enrolment Interviews 2021<br>Middle Chapels  |
| Friday, 20          | Student Enrolment Interviews 2021  |
| <b>Saturday, 21</b> | <b>College Term 1 Working Bee</b>  |
| Monday, 23          | Student Enrolment Interviews 2021  |
| Tuesday, 24         | Student Enrolment Interviews 2021  |
| Wednesday, 25       | Student Enrolment Interviews 2021<br>Meeting with Archbishop at St Andrews House (cancelled) |
| Thursday, 26        | Student Enrolment Interviews 2021  |
| Friday, 27          | Student Enrolment Interviews 2021<br>Junior Chapels  |

## Statement from the Archbishop of Sydney dated Wednesday, 18 March 2020

*In light of the Prime Minister's announcement this morning, banning enclosed gatherings in excess of 100 people, I have decided that the Anglican Church in Sydney should suspend all public church gatherings until further notice.*

*We are encouraging all our churches to consider providing their services online or by other communication methods. We shall make every effort to care for our church communities and the wider public, especially those who are isolated and vulnerable. Anglicare Sydney will continue its vital work of showing Christ's love in ministering to all people, especially older Australians. Anglican Schools will also continue to play a significant role in caring for students and families.*

*I call on all Christians to pray for health workers and those seeking to develop a vaccine, and to pray that the spread of this disease may slow.*

*God's love for all people has not diminished, nor his sovereignty over his world. Therefore, I urge all Christians to continue to trust in God's goodness and mercy in this crisis, and to show Christ's love to those affected.*

## SERVICES FOR MITTAGONG ANGLICAN CHURCH

Contact: Youth and Children's Minister, Rochelle Fuschall, 0439 455 211 or [rf@mittang.com.au](mailto:rf@mittang.com.au). All leaders in our youth and children's programs have Working with Children Checks, and are trained in accordance with Safe Ministry Guidelines. All our groups operate under strict school terms.

## SERVICES WOLLONDILLY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Everybody is welcome to attend services on Sunday at 9.00 am.

We would love to see you and your family here.

PO Box 43, Bargo NSW 2570

Reverend Stephen Lawton

LEARNING - LOVING - GROWING

# PRETEND HEADMASTERS



**Pretend Headmasters - Eli Cross (KJ) and Mackinlee Brown (KJ) are busy preparing for the upcoming Working Bee this Saturday, 21 March. This is a great opportunity to help our community make our College shine.**

**Also a reminder that all students who attend will be recognised for a job well done and will receive a Community Service Award.**

## Prayer Points

### Please thank God:

- For the organisation that has gone into this week's Working Bee.
- For the rain.
- For the privilege of serving Him in this place.
- For life and health and safety.



### Please ask God:

- That He will protect us and our families during the Coronavirus Pandemic and to help us make plans for different eventualities.
- To continue to watch over our College and to lavishly bless us.
- To be with the Anglican Schools' Corporation and the Wollondilly Anglican College Council as they conduct a search for a racing dog rather than white husky kind of College leader.

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

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.