



# THE CHRONICLE

Wagga Wagga Christian College

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear WWCC Community,

The count-down to Celebration Week is on! We are planning for Grandparents' Day, Book Week, the College Fete & Fireworks, and the presentation of Year 12 major works. Please pray for our staff, particularly the community team, as they work to finalise all the details! There are many ways for you to be involved, so keep an eye on the College Facebook page for details.

On a safety note, please be aware of safety in the College car park. I know this reminder has been given before, but please drive slowly and use the crossings provided. We want to keep our students and families safe, and that requires some diligence from all users of the car park.

This week, we congratulate the Da Vinci Decathlon team on a first-place finish in the Legacy Division during their recent trip to Knox Grammar in Sydney. A big thank you to Dr Brooke Scriven, who has worked so hard with the team, and to Mrs Ali Owers, who stepped in on very short notice to accompany the team to Sydney. Thank you also to the many families, students and staff members who are contributing to the College's Strategic Planning work this week.



**WWCC  
Celebration Week**

**Tuesday 22nd August**

- Book Week + Parade
- Grandparents day
- HSC Showcase

**Friday 25th August**

- Primary Parent Assembly

**Saturday 26th August**

- **FETE AND FIREWORKS!**



As I write, we're about halfway through the focus groups and I so appreciate the willingness of the community to contribute to the future direction of the College. As we consider the future, I am reminded of a question I first heard from leaders of Christian schools in Canada. They asked teachers and parents in their schools, "What is your deep hope for your children?" It's a big question- it reaches well beyond academic results or being happy at school, to the heart of the faith and character we want our children to develop, and the sense of purpose and accomplishment we hope they will experience in their lives. And our answers to that question will help guide the way we grow and develop our school, so thank you for being involved in the conversations this week.

Lastly, Year 9 and 10 students and teachers are getting ready for their trip to Tasmania, leaving next week. After the disruptions of COVID, it's lovely to see this adventure back on the College calendar. We wish them a wonderful time away and look forward to having some photos and stories to share with you when they return!

Kind regards,  
Rachel McClure  
**Acting Principal**

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Rachel McClure  
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

## Prayer Points

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### GIVE THANKS

- For a great community
- For upcoming excursions
- For new learning opportunities

### PRAYER FOR

- A wonderful Term 3
- Good health for our families
- Year 12's upcoming HSC Trial Exams
- Upcoming excursions
- Upcoming Celebration Week



## NEW STAFF

Please join us in welcoming our new staff!

Mr Simon Harrison (Secondary TAS teacher), Mr Scott Clark (Groundskeeper), Mrs Kelly Fuller (Canteen Supervisor) and Miss Danica Moran (Canteen Assistant).

If you see any of them around, make sure to say hello!



## INTER-SCHOOLS AUCTIONEERING COMP

We are so proud to hear that one of our auctioneering students, Tom Reynolds (Year 9), showcased his remarkable auctioneering skills and secured an impressive 2nd place at TRAC's auctioneering event a couple of weeks ago! Now, he's getting ready to take on the Ganmain Show later this month. Congratulations Tom!



## CRAZY HAIR MUFTI DAY

Crazy Hair Mufti Day for the last day of Term 2 was a major success! It was a whole College event, and students from Kindergarten to Year 12 were involved, and we raised a total of \$500 for this year's Fete and Fireworks. Thank you to everyone for your great effort and generosity. We appreciate your support. Together, we'll make the Fete spectacular!

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



## 100 DAYS OF KINDERGARTEN

Last Friday, Kindergarten celebrated its 100th day at school, 'One Hundred Days Brighter.' The students arrived in colourful clothes consistent with the theme. There were activities based around the number 100 - counting activities, making and decorating biscuits, sunglasses, and hats, building towers of 100 and writing 100 words collaboratively. A dance party complete with party hats and coloured sunglasses ended the day's festivities.

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)





## KO'S FIRST DAY WITH MRS SKEWES

KO began their day yesterday as meteorologists! The students investigated the weather, recorded their observations on their very own calendar, and spent the morning investigating the digraph "Sh". They brainstormed some "Sh" words and stuck them on the friendly class sheep with eight legs and then worked on their own words they hid under the wool of their sheep.

The students spent time looking at the story of Abraham in the bible. Mrs Skewes was very rude and stopped the story at an important part! Don't worry! They will hear more tomorrow.

KO also did fabulous work in Maths - making 10 with ease, sharing about place value, and showing the difference between addition and subtraction.



## STATE DA VINCI DECATHLON

Congratulations to our Year 6 team, who won 1st place in the Legacy category at the State Da Vinci Decathlon last week in Sydney! These amazing students spent many afternoons training and preparing for this academic competition, and the work paid off. Thank you to Dr Lachlan Brown, Senior Lecturer at CSU and Jordan Gill from Xeros Piccolo Engineering for training the students in art and poetry. It's great to see how excited they were to attend, and it sounds like a highlight for them was hearing the Knox Grammar School's bagpipes play at the start of the day.

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



## CYBERBULLYING SURVEY

Yesterday, the library became the hub for a research project for students in Years 7-10 to complete a survey on Cyberbullying. The study, "Factors Associated with Cyberbullying and Cyber By Standing," was coordinated by Honours students at the School of Psychological Sciences at Macquarie University, Sydney.

The aim was to investigate factors associated with children being mean to each other in their cyber interactions, particularly children who witness this event and their potential actions. It is part of a growing body of research focused on investigating the increasing problem of cyberbullying and the possible ways to deal with issues during adolescents.

We look forward to learning more about this issue when the results are published later in the year.

# LOVIN' SPORT



## PRIMARY IS PLAYING TENNIS

Our Primary School students are swinging into action this term as they learn how to play tennis! The fun tennis sessions are part of the fantastic sports program we offer at our College and sparks interest in the sport and honing students' skills. With a specialised coach (Zac Burhop from South Wagga Tennis Club) guiding them, it's a great opportunity for growth!

Years 3 and 4 are using the opportunity to work towards the Todd Woodbridge Cup this term.



# COLLEGE COUNSELLOR

Mr Geoff McLean

Hello there!  
Thanks for stopping by . . .



EMPOWERMENT

WELLBEING

AFFIRMATION

## HOW TO MAKE SELF-CARE A FAMILY PRIORITY

The following article is originally from ReachOut.com and can be found here:

[How to make self-care a family priority - ReachOut Parents](#)

Can help if:

- You want your family to get into the habit of self-care
- You are worried about time and money when it comes to self-care
- You are not managing to stick to a self-care routine

Why should self-care be a priority for families?

Practising self-care can make you feel happier and more physically, mentally and emotionally able to deal with life's pressures and stresses. For busy, hectic families, ensuring self-care is a priority makes sense, as it helps parents be better carers. It can also role model positive behaviour for teens, which they'll adopt and benefit from into adulthood.

What self-care works for you?

Self-care is different for everyone! You might have to work together and figure out the best options. Ask everyone to think about these questions individually:

- What activities make you feel good and recharged?
- What would you like to do more of?
- Are there any activities that you look forward to during the week?
- What would your ideal day look like? What activities would you do?

If you're struggling to think of specific activities, think about this:

- For parents (who may have forgotten!): What did you love doing before you had kids?
- For children: Remind them of the things you've seen them enjoy.

Think low budget or free. It is about filling hearts with joy, not emptying your bank account.

Carve out time for individual self-care

Self-care adds up like coins in a jar - every 5 or 10 minutes accumulates for good. If you think you're too busy for self-care, self-care likely is what you need. Here are some ways you can make time:

- If an idea is too time-consuming - the question to ask is, can it be peeled back and broken down? That national park hike can wait, but perhaps you can fit in 10 minutes a day - at your local park.
- Use 'dead time'. For example, enjoy a podcast on the way to work; walk or cycle instead of driving locally; eat lunch outside instead of at your desk; or take a walk during your lunch break.
- Use 'free time' better. Social media scrolling and binge-watching TV can sap your soul. Free up a bit of that time for your happy stuff.
- Be realistic about how much time you need to feel the benefits of your self-care. Some people need more time than others, so don't undercook what you need.

Take [this quiz](#) to find out what sort of self-care works for you. For some more examples, check out our [self-care fact sheet](#).

To get in touch with the  
College Counsellor  
phone the College on 6923 8888 or  
email: [g.mclean@wwcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:g.mclean@wwcc.nsw.edu.au)

# ICAS 2023- F1

## Week 4A

Mon 7/8	Writing	Period 1
Tuesday 8/8	Digital Technologies	Period 1

## Week 5B

Mon 14/8	English	Period 1
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## Week 6A

Mon 21/8	Science	Period 1
	Spelling Bee	Period 3

## Week 7B

Mon 29/8	Maths	Period 1
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# FETE & FIREWORKS

## OUR COMMUNITY

### WOOLWORTH SPECIALS!

1/2  
Price

OFFER VALID  
CADBURY BLOCKS  
WED 26 JUL - TUE 1  
AUG 23  
DARRELL LEA BLOCKS  
ON SALE UNTIL WED 2  
AUG 23



### CAKE STALL

YEAR 5 & 6 STALL

We would love for you to donate:

- Slices
- Cakes
- Scones
- Brown paper bags (small & large)
- Paper plates
- NO NUTS



Contact community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au to find out how you can get involved and support this stall!

**FETE AND FIREWORKS!**  
AUGUST 26TH | 3PM - 7PM

### LOLLY, SHOWBAG & LUCKY JAR STALL

PRESCHOOL & KINDY STALL

We would love for you to donate:

- Packaged lollies
- Glowsticks
- Jars
- Paper sandwich bags (small & medium)



Contact community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au to find out how you can get involved and support this stall!

**FETE AND FIREWORKS!**  
AUGUST 26TH | 3PM - 7PM

### BUST A BALLOON & LUCKY DIP

YEAR 1 & 2 STALL

We would love for you to donate:

- Coloured balloons
- Lucky dip prizes (eg. Hot Wheels, small toys)
- Brown paper bags



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**FETE AND FIREWORKS!**  
AUGUST 26TH | 3PM - 7PM

### SILENT AUCTION

We would love for you to donate:

- Products
- Gift certificates
- Services suitable for Silent Auction



Please note that businesses who make donations will be acknowledged at the Fete, in our weekly newsletter and promoted on social media - email community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au

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**FETE AND FIREWORKS!**  
AUGUST 26TH | 3PM - 7PM

### BBQ

YEAR 9 & 10 STALL

We would love for you to donate:

- White bread
- Tomato sauce
- BBQ sauce
- Paper towel
- Cans of soft drinks
- 600ml water bottles



Contact community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au to find out how you can get involved and support this stall!

**FETE AND FIREWORKS!**  
AUGUST 26TH | 3PM - 7PM

### GARDEN STALL

YEAR 3 & 4 STALL

We would love for you to donate:

- Terracotta pot plants
- Seedlings
- Packets of seedlings
- Hay/mulch



Contact community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au to find out how you can get involved and support this stall!

**FETE AND FIREWORKS!**  
AUGUST 26TH | 3PM - 7PM

### GREASY PIG & PICNIC GAMES

YEAR 11 & 12 STALL

We would love for you to lend a helping hand at this stall!



Contact community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au to find out how you can get involved and support this stall!

**FETE AND FIREWORKS!**  
AUGUST 26TH | 3PM - 7PM

### CHOCOLATE TRAILER

YEAR 7 & 8 STALL

We would love for you to donate:

- A variety of chocolate bars & blocks
- NO NUTS
- Packaged fairy floss



Contact community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au to find out how you can get involved and support this stall!

**FETE AND FIREWORKS!**  
AUGUST 26TH | 3PM - 7PM





# WWCC Celebration Week

From 22nd August...

- Book Week Parade
- Grandparents Day
- HSC Showcase

• **FETE AND FIREWORKS! SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 3PM - 7PM**



WHOLE SCHOOL

*Grandparents  
or Special Friends  
Day*

FROM  
9:30 AM

TUESDAY  
22ND AUGUST

WWCC  
Celebration  
Week



**HSC SHOWCASE**

August 22nd

WWCC  
Celebration  
Week

**Book Week & Parade**

August 22nd

Parade | 9:30am | MPC

**READ  
GROW  
Inspire**

WWCC  
Celebration  
Week

*Primary Parent  
Assembly*

August 25

2:15pm

MPC



WWCC  
Celebration  
Week



# VOLUNTEERS PREP DAY

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
UNTIL AUGUST 30

9:30 - 11:00AM  
COMMUNITY SPACE



*Contact the Community Team  
for more information.*

**TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED**

## Thank you!

Volunteers Preparation Day is happening this Wednesday and will continue every week until August 30! All are welcome to join us for a few hours. Enjoy drinking tea or coffee while potting plants for Fete or sorting through gifts for Father's Day! And of course, there will be plenty of time for chatting.



## Join Us!

*Cuppa* with  
**MRS RACHEL MCCLURE**  
**Acting Principal**

## 2024 DATES: for your diary

### TERM 1

Kindergarten to Year 12 return Monday 29 January  
(Kindergarten students have a rest day at home  
Wednesdays during February)

Preschool return Tuesday 30 January

Term 1 ends Friday 12 April

### TERM 2

Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July

### TERM 3

**Staff Development Week: July 22 to 26  
(non-student week)**

Monday 29 July – Friday 27 September

### TERM 4

Monday 14 October – Thursday 12 December

### TERM 3

**Monday 24 July** 8:45 – 9:45am TLA

**Wednesday 26 July** 2:45 – 3:45pm TLA

**Tuesday 1 August** 2:45 – 3:45pm TLA

**Thursday 3 August** 8:45 – 9:45am TLA

**Tuesday 8 August** 8:45 – 9:45am TLA





# Wagga Softball 2023/24 Registrations



**OPEN  
NOW**



Anyone can play - ages 5 to 60+  
Join in for skills, games and fun.  
Make new friends!

Wagga Wagga Softball Association  
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/wwwa/home/>  
Email: [wwsa15@hotmail.com](mailto:wwsa15@hotmail.com)

## #EVERYONESGAME

FIND YOUR NEAREST CLUB & REGISTER NOW!



# MATEKEEPER CAMPAIGN



*Make the pledge today to become a MateKeeper Champion and show your mates you support working towards safer mental health communities.*

The MateKeeper Campaign is designed to create awareness around mental health by having individuals pledge that they want to work towards learning the skills and knowledge required to support their mates, neighbours, co-workers and even individuals they may not know with mental health struggles.

Our vision is to support individuals that can continue working together towards building safer mental health spaces in their communities.

By pledging, you become a part of our mission to break the stigma around mental health in our communities, creating a united front to support those we care about to stay safe and get the support they deserve.

**When you pledge your name, you are pledging that:**

- > You are someone who stands up for those struggling with mental health.
- > You will always do your best to be knowledgeable and educate yourself on how to support those around you with mental health struggles.
- > You will be mindful and non-judgmental to those struggling with mental health.
- > You are someone safe for those around you to seek support.
- > You are working towards creating a safer mental health community.

Disclaimer: There is no commitment from you by ROC to attend or be involved in any ongoing events or trainings when you pledge your name.



Take the pledge



0418 762 255

[matekeeper@ruraloutreach.com.au](mailto:matekeeper@ruraloutreach.com.au) [www.ruraloutreachcounselling.com.au](http://www.ruraloutreachcounselling.com.au)

# ROC'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISING

Trivia  
Night



**FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023**

**WAGGA RSL CLUB**

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM  
GAME STARTS AT 7PM

**\$10 PER PERSON**

**BYO TABLE SNACKS  
BAR OPEN**

CLICK BELOW LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CKBBV](https://www.trybooking.com/CKBBV)



## COUNSELLING SERVICE



### Our Service:

- ✓ No referral required
- ✓ No mental health plan required
- ✓ First 2 sessions FREE
- ✓ Face to Face, Phone & Telehealth appointments

### Why Choose Us

Our trained counselling team will give you the tools to overcome difficulties in your life and make the changes you want to make.

If you are noticing a decline in your mental health or need some guidance with day-to-day life, don't wait, reach out now.

### Other services:

- Mental Health Trainings
- MateKeeper Campaign
- Community engagement through various community events.

### Contact Us:

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