

Wagga Wagga Christian College

# **HE IS RISEN!**

Of all of the celebrations that we have in the Christian faith, Easter is definitely my favourite. I love how we are presented with the beautiful story of the gospel over the long weekend. The tragedy of the crucifixion on Friday, the waiting on Saturday, the news that He is risen on Sunday and living the new life in that knowledge of Jesus defeated the grave and established His kingdom here on earth on Monday.

I remember when the Easter story came alive for me, and it was in one of the most unexpected places. Nearly 30 years ago, I was on a holiday in Singapore and was doing a tour of the city. One of the stops was a historic Buddhist temple right in the middle of the city. I had never been inside a temple before and was keen to see what one looked like. I was not disappointed; it was beautiful and ornate. It was filled with worshipers all saying their prayers to a very large gold statue of Buddha. However, as I took in the scene in front of me a wave of grief washed over me as I watched all these very earnest people pouring out their heartfelt prayers – no doubt for things that we pray for, family, friends, jobs, children – to what was essentially a giant, gold but ultimately very dead statue. It was heartbreaking and seemed utterly fruitless. It was at that moment that I realised our God, Jesus is very much alive and that even in that temple I could sense His presence with me. It was a profound moment, that changed my life, I truly understood that Jesus has risen and yes He is alive! Hallelujah!

So I hope you had a chance to reflect on the meaning of Easter this past weekend and find hope, faith and comfort in the fact that we serve a risen, living Saviour.

"He is not here;
He has risen,
just as He said.
Come and see
the place where
He lay."

Matthew 28:6

# PRINICIPAL'S PRESS

#### **Year 12 Half yearly Exams**

Our Year 12s begin their Half Yearly exams this week. These are very important to help students refine their study techniques and practice their strategies on how to tackle the end-of-year exams. It also gives them a great indication of what topics they need to keep revising. Please pray for great learning to come out of this exam period for them.

#### **AISNSW Effective Schools and Wellbeing Program**

We have nearly finished the first term of the two programs that we are undertaking through AISNSW, Effective Schools and Wellbeing. As part of the Wellbeing Program, the teaching staff had a professional development session looking at what wellbeing is, how we define it and what a wellbeing framework looks like. In the Effective Schools Program, we have been working on articulating our vision for learning at the College. Both programs have been highly beneficial, and it has been excellent to work with a range of independent schools across the state.

EXAM Twice a year the College provides particular students with help during their exams in the areas of reading and writing. If you are available to help during exams from Monday 13 May -Friday 24 May, our Learning **Support Team would love to hear** from you. **Please contact the College Office** to apply. Volunteers will need to provide a Working With Children Check number.

Mrs Lisa Dumicich Interim Principal

"We serve a risen, living Saviour."

MRS LISA DUMICICH
INTERIM PRINCIPAL

# Prayer Points

#### **GIVE THANKS**

- For the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for us
- A restful long weekend

#### **PRAYER FOR**

- A strong end to the term
- The health of friends and families

# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

YRS 2-12

The WWCC Athletics Carnival will be held on the last day of term, Friday 12 April. This is for all students in Years 2-12. (Kindergarten and Year 1 Athletics will be held in Term 2).

#### **CHANGE OF VENUE**

This year there is a venue change, and it will be held at Wiradjuri Reserve due to upgrades at Jubilee Park.

All students will be bussed from the College at 9:10am to the track at Wiradjuri Reserve. The carnival will commence at 9:30am and conclude at approximately 2:30pm when all students will be bussed back to the College by 3:00pm. Families are invited to attend and support the students.

More information will be provided to parents/caregivers next week via a note. Seesaw and Chronicle.

We look forward to a wonderful day of sportsmanship and athletics.



Students are expected to start transitioning to their winter uniform in Term 2.

Students will be given a one-week 'grace period' to choose between the full summer or full winter uniform.

Students are to be in full winter uniform by Wednesday 8 May (Week 2), in time for the College photos.

We understand the pressures of purchasing new uniforms. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Community Team (community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au).





#### DA VINCI DECATHLON TRAINING

Training is well and truly underway for our Primary Da Vinci Decathlon team in preparation for next term's competition. The students have been going over a variety of subjects with the help of teachers and parents who have graciously volunteered their time to share their knowledge. The children are excited and have their sights set high after their great success at last year's regional Da Vinci Decathlon... make sure to watch this space!

SEE THE PHOTOS . . .



#### **EASTER SERVICE**

Last Thursday morning, the entire school gathered for our Easter Service!

Together Church Pastor, Bobby Gardner, delivered a powerful message centered on Matthew 28:18-20, emphasising that we are never alone because Jesus is with us "to the very end of the age". The service featured performances from our talented Primary Choir and Secondary students, and a short video of students reflecting on the significance of Easter. And to top it all off, everyone received a delicious hot cross bun afterwards. Thank you to the parents who joined us in celebrating!

SEE THE PHOTOS . . .





### EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

In a world where tomorrow's leaders are nurtured today, the Take Charge Riverina Youth Leadership Forum stands as a beacon of empowerment for young minds. Last week, some of our students attended the forum, delving into four workshops spanning law, business, leadership, and wellbeing.

The day started with an inspiring talk by filmmaker, Jackson Bentley (Crow River Visuals). He spoke about "making a living out of your art" and following your dreams through hard work, networking & breaking goals down into achievable tasks.

Students particularly enjoyed the 'Fundamental Understanding of Law for Youth' workshop by Georgia Briggs. They were immersed in the intricacies of the legal landscape, exploring their rights and responsibilities.

Student's entrepreneurial interests were sparked as they delved into the realm of business. Monica Davidson shared her experiences, inspiring students to harness their creativity and drive to carve their paths in the business arena. Year 11 student Mati stated, "I was inspired to follow my dreams".

Another popular workshop, 'The Mindful Warrior & Mental Health' by Anna Gannon taught students to "stop worrying about what you're going to do - start thinking about who you want to be." The wellbeing workshop created a nurturing circle of trust where students felt safe to express their feelings and gratitude.

Leadership took centre stage as students explored the essence of effective leadership. Through dynamic workshops and inspirational talks, they learned the importance of vision, communication, and resilience. College Year 12 student Jasmine reflected, "This was a good experience in learning about new leadership & career opportunities".

Students left the forum inspired to make a positive impact on their communities and beyond.

The results are in for the 2024 Re-Engineering Australia Foundation National Competition. WWCC STEM team Trident are the 2024 National Champions for the Development Class, while Team Orca takes 2nd Place in the Professional Class! These teams, comprised of Senior students, have been working for over a year constructing ROVs and submarines, collaborating with mentors, seeking support from sponsors and importantly learning the skills required to work within a team to great success. A big well done also to F1 Team NEO for their hard work and dedication to the competition. Congratulations to students, families and Mr David Crick, WWCC TAS Coordinator, who also received the REA Fellow 2024 Award and the Senator John Button Memorial Award for his contributions to STEM in schools.



STEM teams include students from across the year groups in Secondary school.

**TEAM TRIDENT** 

Samuel Hector Claire Wilson Aaliyah Russell-Hughes Abraham Godfrey TEAM ORCA

Cadel Harris Sophie Mansfield Ayrton Miller Toby Hefren **TEAM NEO** 

Oscar Nugent Ethan Harris Hugh McCormick

Watch the presentation here. Skip to 1:16:48

Thank you to all the sponsors who supported the College SUBS in Schools teams over the last 12 months. Your contribution to our College and students has been significant.





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# LOWIN SPORT



### **CROSS COUNTRY**

What better way to head into the long weekend than with Cross Country? On Thursday morning Years K-1 competed by running the whole way around the College grounds followed by Years 2-12 around Lake Albert later that day and they all did a fantastic job! We are so proud to have seen the students give it a go and have fun. Thank you to all of the student helpers and to the parents who came and supported the day!

#### SEE THE PHOTOS . . .





#### CSSA SECONDARY STATE SWIMMING

The College had fantastic representation at the CSSA Secondary State Swimming last week! There was some strong competition and our students put in their best effort achieving some personal bests. Well done to the students who competed!



# College Counsellor -EMPOWERMENT - WELLBEING - AFFIRMATION

# World Autism Understanding Day Claire's Story

This week we have a guest contributor, Claire Wilson. With a strong desire to increase understanding about Autism, this is Claire's Story.

The 2nd of April is World Autism Understanding Day (WAUD), and April is World Autism Understanding Month. Autistic people are one of the least-heard voices in our community, and this is a great chance to get to know us better!

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), commonly known as simply Autism, is a disorder affecting a wide range of areas. Autistic people may have affected learning, speech, sensory processing or many other symptoms. This is why it is called a "spectrum" disorder – because it affects a spectrum, not just a small area.

I was diagnosed shortly after moving to Wagga, in 2017, with level 2 ASD. It answered questions such as why did I have these "meltdowns"? Why was I much more sensitive to loud noises and big crowds than other kids my age? Why was my hand-eye coordination so bad? Contrary to what the media says, being diagnosed isn't a drastic, traumatic thing. Nor are all Autistic people intellectually challenged, emotionally distant or socially awkward. Unfortunately, this is how the media portrays us, and I found this challenging when I was first trying to understand my "condition". According to the media, I didn't fit into either world; the world of neurodivergents, or the world of neurotypicals.

After talks with my psychologist, I finally began to understand that the media isn't always true when it comes to things like Autism. When I first started at the Christian College in 2019, it was my first time at a "real" school, after being homeschooled for my previous school years. I discovered that not many people knew what Autism was, and those that did often used the term in a disrespectful, even hateful, way. Self-conscious of myself, I never said anything.

When I learned about Autism Understanding Day, I realised I finally had the perfect opportunity to make not just my own voice heard, but the voices of other Autistic kids at our school. I can't wait to see what much-needed progress we can make over these next few weeks!



# **QSD** Fun Fact

Did you know that when a child with autism is interested in something, they often excel in that area, and surpass their neurotypical peers!

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

# Autism Understanding Day

Autism Understanding day is on the and of April, and this year's theme is

# STORIES

HAVE YOU GOT A STORY TO SHARE?

5 Questions with Claire Wilson and Mr McLean!!!

TLA Tuesday and Friday recess Wk 10 & 11 or email Claire at c.wilson28@student.wwcc.nsw.edu.au



# DEFENCE HOT CHIP LUNCH

**Secondary** - Wednesday 3 April **Primary** - Thursday 4 April



**Friday 10th May** 

Gifts from \$1 - \$17

proceeds support extracurricular subsidies for students attending far-flung school events.

Jean Spark



# KEY DATES 2024 TERM 2

Term 2 Begins

**Anzac Day Service** 

Muffins with Mum

College Photo Days

Mother's Day Stall

Year 7-11 Exams

**Primary Parent Assembly** 

Year 10 Work Experience

Primary Parent Assembly

Last day Term 2

**Upcoming Term 3 Key Dates** 

Term 3 Begins Year 9 Tasmania Trip

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Mon 29 April

Thurs 2 May

Wed 8 May

Thurs 9 & Fri 10 May

Fri 10 May

Thurs 15 - Tues 21 May

Fri 24 May

Mon 27 - Fri 31 May

Fri 21 June

Fri 5 July

Mon 29 July

Wed 14 - Wed 21 Aug

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4 APRIL 2024 6:30PM - 8:00PM WAGGA WAGGA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

LIVING IN THE RIVERINA.

# Supporting teenagers to thrive: A Womn-Kind Event

Youth mental health advocate and Womn-Kinds Founder and Director, Ruby, will be presenting to parents, carers, educators and community leaders who regularly engage with teenagers to outline the current context of youth mental health in Australia and offer tips, advice, tools and resources, which can help to optimise the mental health of young people. Join us at the Wagga Wagga Christian College to learn, connect and ask questions.

BOOK NOW - https://www.womn-kind.com.au/shop/

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# SCHOOL HOLID **DISCO**



**Monday 22nd April** 0 - 11 Year Olds 4.30pm to 6.30pm Tuesday 23rd April

12 - 16 Year Olds 5.00pm to 7.00pm

**MUSIC, GAMES AND** FREE FOOD!!

11 Fitzhardinge St, Wagga.

Transport Available LIMITED SPOTS **Bookings Essential** 

Contact Cara on 0475 121 813

Sponsored







This is a Drug and Alcohol Free Event

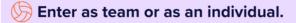
# KINDY, YEAR 1 & 2 **JUNIOR NETBALL**

## Starting term 2 Friday

### Afternoons

This is a great way to introduce young kids to netball for them to begin their netball journey.

In the Younger age groups as well as an umpire we have one parent or adult on the court per team to help guide and teach the kids







\$7 per player

matches from 4:30pm onwards

A competition for all skill levels, Beginners

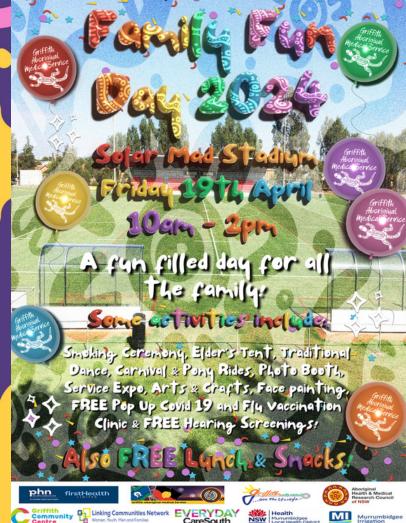
Also Year 3,4,5,6 Netball on Friday **Afternoons** 











The Shiffith Aboriginal Medical Service presents the

# **Autumn School Holiday Activities**

COST: \$53 per day (A & C vouchers accepted)

**BOOK NOW** 



Mon 15th	Dodgeball, Pickleball, Oz Tag, Cheerleading
Tues 16th	Nerfwars, Kickball, Dance, Table Tennis
Wed 17th	Painting, Netball, T Ball, NBA Day (Wear your team jersey)
Thur 18th	Volleyball, Craft, Ninja Warrior, Soccer
Fri 19th	3x3 Basketball, Tennis, Yoga, Gymnastics (Meet my squad)
Mon 22nd	Nerfwars, Floorball, Talent Show, Handball
Tues 23rd	Ninja, Basketball, Soccer, Cricket
Wed 24th	AFL, Volleyball, Disco, Craft (Healthy Heart)
Thur 25th	ANZAC DAY CLOSED
Fri 26th	Nerfwars, Touch, Pickleball, Frisbee Tag

CONTACT US: Phone: 6921 5873 Email: waggawagga@pcycnsw.org.au





NORTH SHORE STUDIOS

# ART EXP LOR ERS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART CLASSES FOR KIDS 7-15YRS

APRIL 15 - 24 2024

# Perfect for children of all skill levels.

Each class has the students being guided through building an art piece.

Our classes provide a supportive and fun environment where kids can develop their artistic talents while creating beautiful masterpieces they will be proud to display at home.

# All materials and firing are included in the price.

Morning or afternoon tea is also included in the purchase (generally consisting of fruit, vege sticks, rice crackers and hommus). Please specify if your children have any allergies.

Join us for an unforgettable experience filled with laughter, learning, and lots of paint splatters!

Reserve your child's spot today and watch them bloom into budding artists!

**BOOK NOW DON'T MISS OUT!** 

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### **cosт** \$50 per class

#### LOCATION

NORTH SHORE STUDIOS 57 William Street, North Wagga

#### **BOOKINGS**

**TEXT:** Rachelle 0418 876 122

PLEASE INCLUDE
YOUR NAME
YOUR MOBILE
YOUR CHILD'S NAME & AGE

### OR ONLINE BOOKING

www.northshorestudios.com.au

- Duration: 3-hour classes that run during the school holiday
- Ages: Children must be aged 7 or older
- Morning and afternoon tea provided: Let Rachelle know about any allergies so we can keep everyone safe
- Disability Friendly: Bring your support person! Please call Rachelle before booking so we can make sure your needs can be met
- Closed-in shoes: make sure your feet are covered
- Limited spots: Hurry, spots fill up faster than a paintbrush stroke! Book early to secure your spot

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**Bookings:** Text Rachelle on 0418876122 with your name, your child's name, their age, and your contact number.

Online Booking: Skip the line and hop on the creativity train at www.northshorestudios.com.au

#### WEEK ONE **MONDAY 15TH APRIL TUESDAY 16TH APRIL** WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL THURSDAY 18TH APRIL **FRIDAY 19TH APRIL** MINI FAIRY GARDENS -CRAZY FACE ROCK SHELLS AND STONES CLAY - CRAZY CUPS CLAY WOMBATS -Squeeze, pinch and roll clay to make a wombat for your design and plant your own fairy garden. PAINTING - draw up your crazy faces before painting MOSAIC - learn how to paint and draw your face and add use slabs to make your cup and add coils to finish MORNING garden. them on your rocks shells, stones and beads for off your crazy creation. WORKSHOPS a wild hairstyle. 9AM-12PM CLAY FABULOUS FROGS MOSAIC PAVER - learn TIE-DYE T-SHIRTS - Learn MOSAIC HANGING ART CLAY PET BOWLS - Make AND SUPER SNAILS a bowl using slabs and coils for your fury friend. choose a shape to mo-Squeeze, pinch and roll clay saic using beads tiles, and fabulous paver for your Squirt on fabric dve to creto make a frog and a snail ate an amazing wild t-shirt stones for a fabulous hang-**AFTERNOON** for your garden. Please bring your own shirt ing artwork WORKSHOPS 1PM-4PM 0.0 WEEK Z Monday 22nd April Tuesday 23rd April Wednesday 24th April IMPORTANT INFORMATION FLOWER POT MOSAIC -MONSTER MADNESS -MINI ROCK GARDENS Squeeze, pinch and roll clay to make your own clay paint and mosaic your own pot in wild coulrs and finish Rock painting bees and bugs that live in your garden Children must be aged 7 or older **MORNING** Morning and Afternoon Tea Provided: Let Rathat you have designed and planted. off with beads and tiles **WORKSHOPS** chelle know about any allergies so we can keep everyone safe. 9AM-12PM **Disability Friendly:** Bring your support person! Please call Rachelle before booking so we can make sure your needs can be met. Closed-In Shoes: make sure your feet are cov-CLAY QUIRKY ANIMAL MOSAIC BIRD BATH TIE-DYE T-SHIRTS - Learn

how to wrap and tie a t-shirt. Squirt on fabric dye to cre-

ate an amazing wild t-shirt.

Please bring your own shirt

make a brightly coloured mosaic to attract birds to

your garden.

CUPS - use slabs to make your cup and add coils to finish off your masterpiece

**AFTERNOON** 

WORKSHOPS 1PM-4PM



# CHURCH COMMUNITIES YOU ARE WELCOME!

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