



THE CHRONICLE

Wagga Wagga Christian College

GOD PLACES US IN COMMUNITY

At church on Sunday, our message was about the importance of leaving a legacy. One of the key points that stuck out to me was how important it is to build a legacy by investing in people not only things! This led to me thinking about the importance of community. The world that we live in is so individualistic – you do you, however, God places us very firmly in community from the get-go. Adam and Eve weren't left to their own devices but instead were created into a family, the nation of Israel was the way that God revealed himself to the world, Jesus created the church to work out His purposes in the world. We are made for community.

However, community is really hard. We live in a world distorted by sin and we see that every day as we interact with one another in our schools, families and workplaces. We are cruel to one another, we gossip, we slander, we envy, and we fight. Yet when we see community working well there is support, being there for one another, friendship and love. It is through a healthy thriving community that we see glimpses of the world as God intended and it is beautiful.

Here at Wagga Wagga Christian College one of the first things I have noticed and so many people have commented on is the strength of our community, it is something that is precious and has been worked hard on for many years to develop and maintain. One of our key community building strategies is to employ a Community Relations Officer. Heidi Combs served the College in this role faithfully for a number of years and moved to Sydney with her family at the end of last year. After a successful advertising campaign, we have now employed Danielle Van Berkel to fill the Community Relations role. We are very excited to have Dani on board in this pivotal role.



PRINCIPAL'S POST

New Families Welcome Dinner

Thank you to all of the new families that attended the New Families Welcome Dinner. It was a lovely evening filled with conversation and relationship-building. Thank you also to all of our volunteers who worked hard to put on the evening.

Working with Children Checks

We love having volunteers help us in a myriad of ways at the College. It is one of our core tenets in partnering with families. Just a reminder to all volunteers that we need to have a Working with Children Check recorded at the College before doing any volunteer work as part of our child-safe policy. To apply for a Working with Children Check click on the following link [Apply for a Working with Children Check \(WWCC\) | Service NSW](#)

Car Park

In this newsletter, we have included some of the basics of safety in the car park. We have a really great car park in terms of design and traffic flow however, we all still need to remember to drive slowly and look after the young people in our care as they negotiate the car park. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this.

Kind regards,
Mrs Lisa Dumicich
Interim Principal



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MRS LISA DUMICICH
INTERIM PRINCIPAL

Prayer Points

GIVE THANKS

- For all of our new families
- For opportunities to get together
- A great community

PRAYER FOR

- Settling of new students, families and staff
- Upcoming Swimming Carnivals
- School Leaders as they grow into their roles

CAR PARK SAFETY

The College car park is a busy place and the following car parking arrangements help it to be a safe space for our students, parents, and staff. Please take note of these car park rules:

- Speed Limit - 10km per hour
- Kiss and Drop - This is an immediate Drop-off and Pick-up zone. You cannot leave your car or wait in this area. Please don't drop your children off in the waiting area before the kiss 'n' drop
- Pedestrian Crossing in the Kiss 'n' Drop Area. Please be extra vigilant and follow the instructions of the staff member on duty in this area
- Hold your child's hand when walking through the car park

We ask all our families to have care and patience when using the car park.

Remember that our young people do not have the same perception of danger, peripheral vision, or road safety awareness as drivers. Let's work together as a community to keep everyone safe!

KEY

Entry	Carpark Lane	Drop-off and pick-up lane/queue	Kiss'n'Drop Bays	To exit	Loop if necessary	No queueing
						

Please note that the staff car park is NOT being used for drop-off and pick-up queueing at present.



NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mrs Dani Van Berkel

Community Relations Officer

Tell us about your previous involvement in community events?

I come from the close-knit community of Gol Gol, located on the Murray River. Over 11 years, I actively engaged with and contributed to various aspects of the town. My involvement included coaching an Aus Kick team, volunteering at the local Primary School, assisting with excursions, fundraisers, and more for the local Preschool, and I'm not too shy to put on a funny costume to make the kids smile. I have also consistently participated in the town's annual Country Fair. These experiences allowed me to foster a sense of community and contribute to its overall well-being.

What do you love most about community events?

I cherish the sense of community, where people support each other through both the joys and challenges, making you feel connected to something greater than yourself. The unity fostered by community events is truly heartwarming, providing everyone with something to anticipate and enjoy. Additionally, I enjoy any chance to meet and reconnect with fellow community members, further strengthening the bonds that make our community so special.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love all things outdoor, boating, camping, fishing, and exploring - I have especially appreciated exploring the Wagga area. My family and I enjoyed the Yarrangobilly Caves & Thermal Pools, trout fishing at Goobragandra, and indulging in the delicious chocolate and licorice in Junee. I also love spending quality time with family and friends.

What are you looking forward to at the College?

I am looking forward to meeting all of the families, being a part of the community, and seeing people enjoy the fruits of our College events. I am looking forward to the change and new experiences.





NEW FAMILIES WELCOME DINNER

Grateful for a wonderful night at our New Families Welcome Dinner! Connecting with the newest members of our College community over a delicious BBQ and fantastic company. A heartfelt thank you to our amazing volunteers - your assistance made this evening happen!

[SEE THE PHOTOS . . .](#)



STUDENT LEADERSHIP BADGES

Our Secondary Student Leaders received their official badges yesterday at their morning assembly. It was a lovely opportunity to recognise and commend the commitment that these students have put their hand up for. We look forward to seeing all of the great things these students will achieve in their time of leadership!

[SEE THE PHOTOS . . .](#)



MATHEMATICS TUTORIALS

Mathematics Tutorials are on every Thursday from 3:10 to 4:30 for all students from Year 5 to Year 12 in rooms E3 and E4. It is a great opportunity to connect with other students and seek assistance in mathematics homework and skills. Teachers are keen to see the enthusiasm develop as students find success through a little extra effort.

The core student group is encouraging and love to assist others in growing in confidence. Mathematics skills are developed through repetitive questioning and the opportunity to see different explanations. With several teachers available and the board open for collaborative work, students who take advantage of the extra time have seen improvement in their skills and in their enjoyment of Mathematics.

All are welcome!

College Counsellor

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Talking to Teens

I came across this great article from Reach Out. Talking to teens can be hard, and this article suggests it's more about the questions we ask, than saying the right thing. Have a read, and ask some questions next time you are talking to your teen.

When you are having a conversation with your child, encourage them to open up and talk by asking questions such as:

- **'How did that make you feel?'**
- **'It sounds as if you were (angry/frustrated/excited), were you?'**

Let them know that you understand by summarising the situation as you've heard it. This also takes the emotion out of the situation and allows them to see the facts.

- **'So let me see if I've got this right. You ...Is that how it happened?'**

Your child isn't always looking for you to fix a situation or solve a problem for them. Avoid jumping in with advice, such as: 'Well, just do this or that.' Instead, help them move towards finding a resolution themselves by asking:

- **'What do you think is best thing to do now?'**

Later, ask them how the situation played out. In this way, they'll learn about how to process situations for themselves.

Active listening is an important skill in any relationship and is all about building rapport, understanding and trust. When you actively listen to your child, you will hear what they are actually saying, not what you think they are saying.

The full article can be found here:

[Ask questions that encourage your teenager to talk - ReachOut Parents](#)

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CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 5 MARCH
4:30 - 7:30PM

IMAGINE!

PRESCHOOL - YEAR 12

TOURS

OPEN CLASSROOMS

2025 INFORMATION SESSIONS

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PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

ENROLMENTS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR
2024!

What is Physie?

Fun, upbeat, pop music is the soundtrack to a dance sport
that fuses dance styles such as jazz, ballet, hip hop,
contemporary, aerobics and even yoga!

Physie helps to develop strength, good posture, flexibility, rhythm,
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It's a fun Dance Sport for girls from 3 years
to ladies of all ages!



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SAVE
THE DATE

FUNDRAISING HIGH TEA

WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING
TOWARDS LILIER LODGE AND
CAN ASSIST WAGGA WAGGA

17TH MARCH 2024

2PM TO 5PM

AT THE GARDENS RESTAURANT
WAGGA WAGGA BOTANIC GARDENS



CHURCH COMMUNITIES YOU ARE WELCOME!



Connect online and discover meeting times and more with the following church communities:

