



THE CHRONICLE

Wagga Wagga Christian College

CURIOSITY - FROM THE HEAD OF PRIMARY

Last week we shared our core values. Alongside Service, Hope, Respect, and Excellence, is the pillar of Curiosity - a reminder of our commitment to nurturing inquisitive minds and fostering a lifelong love for learning here at Wagga Wagga Christian College.

In Isaiah 40 we hear the call to "look up to the heavens," asking us to wonder at the majesty of God's creation. This innate sense of wonder drives our students to question, seek, and discover the world around them. From the smallest inquiry to the grandest exploration, curiosity fuels the flames of intellectual curiosity, propelling us ever closer to truth and understanding.

In Primary School we are inspired by the Reggio Emilia Educational philosophy which sees that children have a natural, God-given curiosity about the world and as teachers, we embrace this 'wonder' and seek to embed it in all we do.

Recently our playground has been a buzz as students have found themselves captivated by the enchanting world of nature - fascinated by the grasshoppers and praying mantises that have inundated Wagga. It has been a joy to watch them marvel and wonder at these creatures. In response, their teachers have provided the tools for exploration, equipping them with bug catchers and nets to continue these journeys of discovery.

As students peer closely at the intricate patterns adorning these tiny creatures, questions arise organically: "Why are they different colours?" One student carefully holding a praying mantis last week explained to me their anatomy and shared how they had researched how to determine which was a boy and which was a girl. This inquiry, born of curiosity, serve as catalysts for deeper exploration and understanding.

We cherish these moments of wonder and discovery, recognising them as the heartbeat of our educational journey. It is in the simple act of observing, questioning, and marvelling at the world around us that we cultivate a deeper appreciation for the beauty and complexity of God's creation.

Mrs Alesah Alcorn
Head of Primary School

Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?
He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name.
Because of His great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.

Isaiah 40:26

PRINCIPAL'S PRESS

Open Day and Meet the Teacher

On Tuesday, March 5, we have our Open Evening and Meet the Teacher evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to come and see the College in action, meet our fabulous teachers and hear some of our students as they perform in the Music program. If you know any families that are looking for a school for their children this is a great opportunity to bring them along. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

AISNSW Wellbeing and Effective Teaching Programs

This year the College is participating in two programs being run by AISNSW (Association of Independent Schools in NSW the peak body for Independent Schools) One is a program focusing on wellbeing and our whole school approach which is being led by Geoff McLean our counsellor and the other is the Effective Teaching program which is looking at how we can improve the educational outcomes for our students through our teaching program. We are starting with both programs over the next few weeks and are looking forward to seeing the new initiatives as a result.

Year 7 Camp

Our Year 7's are off to Camp Attunga this week. What a wonderful time for them to really form a community, make friends and have some fun experiences. Please be praying for them and the staff that are accompanying them.

Az Hamilton

Our Year 11 and 12's are having a presentation from Az Hamilton this week. Az is a motivational speaker who will inspire our students with small ideas that make big change. It should be a wonderful presentation for them as they think about life beyond school.

Mrs Lisa Dumicich
Interim Principal



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MRS ALESHA ALCORN
HEAD OF PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prayer Points

GIVE THANKS

- For great times of being together

PRAYER FOR

- Our Open Night event and families who are considering attending.
- The upcoming Year 7 Camp



HOUSE BATTLES

Last week our homecare classes were given a few opportunities to win more points for their house after the previous week's Swimming Carnival. These opportunities included battles of strength and intellect. Thursday's battle of strength (tug of war) saw West come out on top - well done West!

[SEE THE PHOTOS . . .](#)



WELCOME TO WAGGA

Our Defence School Mentor, Community Relations Officer and Head of Primary School had the privilege of attending the Defence Welcome to Wagga Wagga event on Sunday night. It was a wonderful evening, offering new defence families a chance to discover some of the region's highlights and organisations. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this fantastic event. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming open night on March 5th. Join us for what promises to be another splendid evening!



ROTARY PEACE DAY CEREMONY

Last Sunday, Rotary held their 31st annual Peace Day Ceremony at the Victory Memorial Gardens. This event provides an opportunity to recognise those in our community who are making the world a better place, those who display and encourage peace, harmony and inclusiveness.

Our School Captains Ned and Freya were honoured to be a part of the ceremony, receiving a School Community Service Award. Ned appreciated the opportunity saying, "I really enjoyed being able to meet new people and celebrate peace, as well as learn more about the heritage of peace in Wagga, and influential people not only in our community but also all over the world."



WORK STUDIES VISIT LITTLE LUNCH

A couple of weeks ago the Work Studies class paid a visit to a beloved local business, Little Lunch on Forsyth, as part of their unit. The students spent their visit with owner and College parent Mitchell Pieper, who walked the students through what it is like to run a cafe. Mitchell took the students on a tour around the cafe and through the kitchen, answering many questions about the industry. The students learnt how Mitchell started as a baker and how his passions led him to run his own business - they were also shocked to learn that being a baker also means a 3 am start!

The Work Studies class of course had to taste test, a couple of the students tried the doughnuts and gave them a big seal of approval!

LOVIN' SPORT



PRIMARY SCHOOL SOCCER GALA DAYS

Our Primary School soccer superstars were busy at the Mini Socceroo's and Mini Matilda's Gala Days at the Duke of Kent Oval last week! Despite the heat, the children from Stages 2 and 3 performed well with many wins and a few draws.

On Friday the Stage 2 girls' team smashed it on the field! The team had drawn a game or two but won other games very convincingly, showing great teamwork and lovely sportsmanship. The girls also ensured that every game they played was for God's glory, chanting "Do it for God!"

Well done to all of the students who gave it a go!

[SEE THE PHOTOS . . .](#)

New lunch items
have been added to
flexischools
including a larger
gluten free range!



College Counsellor

• EMPOWERMENT • WELLBEING • AFFIRMATION



School Camps: an opportunity for our children to grow

This week, Year 7 leaves for their “Kick-Off” camp at Attunga in Canyonleigh, as they kick off their high school career. School camps are a great opportunity to connect, strengthen social connections, explore new situations, learn outside the classroom and stretch our comfort zone. These are all various ways to “grow”. It is natural and normal for a few worries to creep in leading up to that early morning bus ride.

When our kids struggle with a problem, it is so tempting to swoop in and sort it out for them. After all, we remember what it was like and how that felt. And usually, we have the very skills needed to fix it.

But are we fixing it? Children are in the process of ‘becoming’, as we all are, which includes having opportunities to learn. Letting our children struggle with a problem stretches their mind, creates new connections, and helps them develop solutions. When we swoop in, we are depriving them of this opportunity.

Here are some tips that you might find helpful as you prepare for school camp:

- **Enthusiasm is contagious.** Find ways to share the enthusiasm amongst peers. Be excited yourself.
- **Details can take away the mystery.** If you have the camp note at home, read through it together with your child. If they have any questions that you can't answer, write them down and email them to your teacher.
- **Name it to tame it.** If your child is expressing concerns, listen to understand, not to fix. Recognise their emotions, label them and help them work through them.
- **Be strong.** If you truly believe the camp will be a valuable experience, don't let your own worry for your child overflow. Pay attention to what you know, rather than how you feel about your child.

Let your child's next obstacle be the opportunity to find their own way.

**To get in touch with the
College Counsellor**

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email: g.mclean@wwcc.nsw.edu.au



OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 5 MARCH
4:30 - 7:30PM

IMAGINE!

PRESCHOOL - YEAR 12

TOURS

OPEN CLASSROOMS

2025 INFORMATION SESSIONS

PERFORMANCES

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Physie & Dance

WITH THE
WAGGA WAGGA
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, co-ordination, self-confidence and most of all

- Fun, Fitness & Friendships!

It's a fun Dance Sport for girls from 3 years to ladies of all ages!

NEW MEMBERS - TRY BEFORE YOU PAY!

'Phone Kerrie Baker on 0402-236857
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for further information
or find us on Facebook or Instagram!



FUNDRAISING HIGH TEA

WITH ALL PROCEEDS SHARED BETWEEN
LILIER LODGE AND CAN ASSIST WAGGA WAGGA

17TH MARCH 2024

2PM TO 5PM

AT THE GARDENS RESTAURANT
WAGGA WAGGA BOTANIC GARDENS

\$60.00 PER PERSON

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA
<https://events.humanitix.com/can-assist-wagga-and-lilier-lodge-fundraising-high-tea>

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED
RAFFLE AND LUCKY DOOR PRIZES

Contact Lilier Lodge
for enquiries or
any Group Bookings
02 6925 5240

What's going on at the Blamey Community Group Inc?

Curious Little Ants Playgroup
Different theme each week

Wednesday's 0930 - 1130am
at Kapooka Community Centre

Pilates class

MONDAY 9:30-10:30AM
\$5.00 PER PERSON

Help improve flexibility, increase muscle strength & tone - particularly your abdominal muscles, lower back hips and buttocks.
Its a great, low impact and suitable for everyone no matter if you've never exercised before or are experienced

For more information contact us on blameycg@gmail.com

Coffee & Creations!

FRIDAY 3:00PM - 4:00PM

ENJOY A COFFEE & CONVERSATION
WHILE THE KIDS CREATE

EACH WEEK WILL BE DIFFERENT

Boogie Bounce

Starting Term 1 2024
Tuesday
7:15-8:00pm

\$7.50 per person- per session **ONLY 10 spots available for each class!!**
(Classes are to be paid in 5 week deposits)

Unfortunately due to the space no spectators or children (who are not participating) will be able to attend

*Please turn up at least 10 minutes before starting your first bounce as a medical history form needs to be filled in before getting on the trampoline to ensure you are medically safe to bounce.

*Please bring grip socks to bounce in (trampoline park, soft play, yoga socks with grip on the bottom are fine to use). If you don't have a pair of these you can purchase them at class for \$10 so just bring some money with you. Outdoor footwear and barefoot is not permitted on the trampolines.

*Min. age is 12 years old if attending with an adult

Bumps to Babies

Alternating Fridays from 10 am to 12pm
at the community centre on the RAAF Base.



CHURCH COMMUNITIES YOU ARE WELCOME!



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

