



# THE CHRONICLE

Wagga Wagga Christian College

## EXCELLENCE - FROM THE HEAD OF SECONDARY

“Excellence” is often seen as rising above expectations. From a biblical perspective, excellence is linked to godly characteristics and we are encouraged to consider all that is “excellent or praiseworthy” (Philippians 4:8). Excellence is aiming to do our best in everything we do. It is not just an academic pursuit, it relates to anything and everything we set our mind to.

Excellence can be applied to all of our other core values: service, hope, respect and curiosity. In each of these, we can excel by striving to do our best. We see this every day at the College, in our students’ efforts to complete tasks, serve the community, and support each other.

I was privileged a couple of weeks ago, to attend the F1 and Subs in Schools trip to the National Championships in Adelaide. What I witnessed over the nine days was excellence across a range of areas. I saw excellence in how the students treated each other and the staff. I saw it in the way they practised their verbal presentations as a team, took on board the feedback given and then continued to work on it again and again. I saw it in the sharing of resources between their teams and teams from other schools, the care for each other when they were stressed and the way they spoke with judges, officials and teachers at the competition. And, of course, I saw excellence in the efforts and results of all three teams across the week of competition.

All of this is what we see regularly in different areas right across the College. From academic efforts and achievements to extracurricular activities, acts of service and care for each other, the concept and pursuit of excellence are woven through our College community, and we should all strive to excel, to do our best in everything we do, as God has called us to.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable— if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

# PRINCIPAL'S PRESS

## Easter

We are coming up on one of the most important times in the Christian calendar where we celebrate the coming of the Kingdom through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We are having a whole school Easter service on Thursday the 28th of March at 10:30am in the MPC, parents are more than welcome to attend this service. I also want to encourage you to check out the church listing on the back page of this newsletter and attend a local church running services this Easter who would love to welcome you.

## Parent Teacher Interviews - a key pillar in parent partnership

This week we have our Parent Teacher Interviews. This is an incredibly important time in the education of your children as we partner together. If you were unable to attend and would still like to catch up with your child's teachers, please contact them either directly via the College App or through the College office.

## Cross Country

This Thursday we have our cross-country with our Kinder and Year 1 students running at school in the morning and our Year 2 to 12 students running at Lake Albert after our Easter service. What a terrific day!

## Religious Freedom

A significant report for Christian Schools was tabled at the Australian Law Reform Commission this week with the recommendation that Christian Schools lose the right to employ solely Christian staff. This is incredibly disappointing news and strikes at the heart of Christian Schools being able to operate as we have always done and in a way that parents love. This isn't law as yet. If you would like further information on this please look at the following websites

<https://www.alrc.gov.au/publication/adl-report-142/>

<https://www.aacs.net.au>

We hope that you have a wonderful Easter long weekend, full of joy and rest.

**Mrs Lisa Domicich**  
Interim Principal

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**MS CATHERINE CLARKE**  
HEAD OF SECONDARY



**EXAM HELP NEEDED**

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.

*Whole School  
Easter Service*

**Thursday 28 March  
10:30am | MPC**

Families welcome

## Prayer Points

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### GIVE THANKS

- For the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for us
- The opportunity for parents and staff to meet together

### PRAYER FOR

- Safety over the Easter weekend
- Family and friends



## HSIE WITH 5M

Year 5 with Mrs Mannion have been learning about transportation to Australia and the Colony for HSIE. They christened the ship built by Miss Cindy and named it 'The Charlotte', one of the First Fleet ships. They researched three significant people on board The Charlotte: Mary Bryant - convict and escapee! John White, the ship's surgeon and botanist, and James Bloodsworth - convict and bricklayer who went on to build Sydney Parliament House.

Students researched how people lived in the Colony and made things to showcase that period of time including fashion, games, diary entries and food. They have also identified the impacts colonisation has had on Australia's Indigenous population. QR codes are scattered around the displays that play recorded information which 5M and parents have enjoyed listening to.

The class is now researching internal Australian explorers in small groups and will present their findings through interactive booklets and infographics made on Canva. Watch this space!

[SEE THE PHOTOS . . .](#)

## ADF VISIT YEAR 11 & 12 IN CAREERS

A couple of weeks ago students in Years 11 and 12 had the privilege of receiving insights from two Defence personnel regarding the wide array of career paths available within Defence. Our guests elaborated on the variety of jobs one can undertake, as well as the numerous benefits it offers, including travel opportunities, comprehensive medical and dental coverage, and support with housing arrangements. Additionally, our students discovered the option of participating in a gap year within Defence, providing firsthand experience before making a decision to either pursue further or explore other avenues. Thank you to the personnel for their informative presentation, it left a lasting impression on our students and prompted many to seriously consider the possibilities ahead.

## YEAR 1 VISITS THE AG PLOT

Year 1 had an exciting visit to the College Ag Plot last week! Recent class discussions revolving around chicks, chickens, and roosters, as well as students sharing their own experiences of raising chicks at home, has caught their interest. Due to this fascination and to allow for creativity in their writing skills, the students met with Agriculture teacher, Mr Simon Harrison who gave them the opportunity to observe the chickens, chicks, and incubator eggs, and answer any questions the children had. Year 1 were definitely thrilled to hold the baby chicks, and watch the incubator move at the end of their little excursion.

[SEE THE FULL STORY & PHOTOS . . .](#)

## KJ'S AFRICAN JUNGLE

KJ is buzzing with excitement as they begin the construction of their very own African jungle for their 'Living Things' unit! Earlier in the term, Mrs Joiner asked her class which living beings they were interested in learning about, and many of the students suggested various African animals, setting the course for the unit. Yesterday, the students enthusiastically painted the animals skillfully drawn by Mrs Bowen, quickly bringing their classroom jungle to life!

KJ has already learnt that elephant trunks are 2 metres long and that baby elephants drink 10 litres of milk every day!

[SEE THE PHOTOS . . .](#)







## YEAR 6'S CREATIVITY SOARS

Year 6 are busy creating some amazing bird collages made from paper they made during art with Mrs Shannon. Students used a mould and deckle to form their own papers from coloured egg cartons and shredded paper from our school recycling bin. With bright yellow, purple and green egg cartons it was a wonderfully tactile way to explore our colour theory learnings!

During the next lesson, students selected one of the top 25 birds found in our region (using the Aussie Bird Count data) and skillfully copied the birds onto paper using a grid drawing technique. Students then broke up the form of the bird into coloured sections which they are now working on to depict using different papers (pictured). It is hoped that the classes' collaborative project may be useful for the whole of Primary School as they work towards identifying native birds in the Aussie Bird Count during National Bird Week later this year.

We are very blessed to have Mrs Shannon as she enriches the primary art classes by bringing in her art that is found in various exhibitions around the Wagga community. Her work 'Big Murray' was awarded first for Works On Paper at the Tumut Art Show on the weekend, and uses all of the same techniques she is teaching our Year 6 budding artists in their classroom studio!



[SEE THE PHOTOS . . .](#)

# LOVIN' SPORT



## FAST 5 NETBALL WINNERS!

On Thursday Netball NSW held their annual Fast 5 competition for Year 11 and 12 teams across the Riverina. The College has participated in this for the last few years and has always done well. This year, our team dominated every game, winning each one! The Finals had St Paul's, the reigning champions from two years ago, against Mater Dei, last year's champions. Their match ended in a draw, leading to extra time. We faced off against St Paul's in the Grand Final. It was a thrilling showdown, with our team showing excellent teamwork, supporting and cheering each other on, and working hard to get every goal and advantage. Our team won 20 to 12!

Congratulations team, not only for winning but for your commitment, teamwork, encouragement and sportsmanship. Other honourable mentions are Brenna Guilfoyle for her brilliant umpiring and Mr Colvin for giving up his time to volunteer with his exceptional coaching skills. Thank you to the parents who came and supported the day! Make sure to check out the trophy in our Front Office display cabinet.



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# College Counsellor

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## Understanding Social and Emotional Learning



Whole-school Wellbeing



This week our staff participated in a workshop to further develop our knowledge and understanding of social and emotional learning. We reflected on the five core social and emotional areas of competence that are integral to our students' educational and relational development. These five competencies have emerged from many years of research and have been embedded within our teaching and learning curriculums. Our staff reflected on the interrelatedness of each key area and discussed how we teach, model and support these foundational skills, abilities and attitudes when we interact with our students and each other.



For further information, please contact Geoff McLean, College Counsellor or learn about social and emotional learning from [CASEL](#).

To get in touch with the College Counsellor  
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# LET'S TALK TRADES

- ARE YOU A STUDENT WHO WANTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT A CAREER IN A TRADE?
- ARE YOU A PARENT WHO WANTS TO HELP THEIR CHILD IN CHOOSING THE RIGHT CAREER?
- ARE YOU AN EMPLOYER LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE LOCAL YOUTH TO FIND YOUR NEXT APPRENTICE?

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT TRADES IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.  
HEAR FROM CURRENT APPRENTICES ABOUT THEIR CAREER PATHS AND NETWORK WITH LOCAL EMPLOYERS.



**DATE : WEDNESDAY 3RD OF APRIL 2024**  
**TIME : 5.30PM -7.30PM**  
**LOCATION: WAGGA RSL CLUB, MIRAGE ROOM**

TO REGISTER TO ATTEND THIS EVENT PLEASE USE THIS LINK

<https://forms.office.com/r/4vcyCNDaVe>  
OR scan the QR Code



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For more information please contact Stacey Suidgeest on 0477 341 030 or [stacey.suidgeest@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stacey.suidgeest@det.nsw.edu.au)

# Muffins with Mum

**Wednesday May 8**  
**7:45 am - 9 am**  
*Bookings are essential*

Please join Preschool & Primary School for a fun and memorable morning to celebrate MUM!

Students are invited to bring Mum, Grandma, Aunt or other Special Female Adult for this event!



Scan QR code by May 3rd to book



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WAGGA WAGGA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



CALLING ALL PARENTS, CARERS AND EDUCATORS OF TEENAGERS LIVING IN THE RIVERINA.

4 APRIL 2024

6:30PM - 8:00PM

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## 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/>

AS FEATURED IN



\$20 PER PERSON



## Employment Opportunities



DIRECTOR/NOMINATED SUPERVISOR ROLE - PRESCHOOL & OOSH

[www.wwcc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.wwcc.nsw.edu.au)



# 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

Enter as team or as an individual.

7 players per team

Both Boys and Girls welcome

\$7 per player

matches from 4:30pm onwards

A competition for all skill levels, Beginners welcome

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



For more info contact Wagga indoor sports on 0492 872 262 or visit [www.wagga.spawtz.com](http://www.wagga.spawtz.com)

## Autumn School Holiday Activities

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

AGES: 5 -14 years

TIME: 8:30am-4:30pm

BOOK NOW



ADDITIONAL INFO: Water bottle, enclosed shoes, canteen money, medication (if applicable), team jerseys (NBA Day)

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:  
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# TWILIGHT TRAIN RIDE

PRINCESS AND SUPER HERO HUNT



31 MARCH 4PM - 9PM  
BBQ + DRINKS + SWEET TREATS AVAILABLE  
BOTANIC GARDENS MINIATURE TRAIN STATION  
\$4 PER PERSON FOR TRAIN RIDES



SEARCH THE TRACK FOR ALL YOUR FAVOURITE CHARACTERS INCLUDING ELSA, ANNA, BATMAN, CAPTAIN AMERICA, CINDERELLA AND MORE!

## DEFENCE HOT CHIP LUNCH

Secondary - Wednesday 3 April  
Primary - Thursday 4 April





# CHURCH COMMUNITIES YOU ARE WELCOME!

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

