



# THE CHRONICLE

Wagga Wagga Christian College

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear WWCC Community,

About four weeks ago, you may have noticed the recruitment ads for the Head of Primary School position at the College. The process is now complete, and I am delighted to announce that Mrs Alesha Alcorn has been appointed to the Head of Primary School role on an ongoing basis. I hope you will join me in congratulating her on her appointment and thanking her for her excellent work on behalf of students and staff this semester.

As I write this, there are just seven school days left for 2023, and we are certainly in 'end of year' mode now. Last week, Year 6 parents and students celebrated their graduation from Primary School. This week, Primary School students are finishing up swimming lessons and there will be one last 'Pizza with the Principal' for Primary School Principal's Award recipients on Friday. Next week, I expect to see many of you at the Preschool, Primary and Secondary presentation events, and I look forward to celebrating this year's achievements with our students.

2023 has flown by, and I wonder if your household is like mine. Once the calendar flips over to December, it seems that Christmas fever takes over. Planning for how to fit family visits into work schedules; how to attend all the end of year events and work Christmas parties; how to feed the



gathering relatives; the decorations, the tree, the presents . . . somehow, in all the fun and family, I risk losing the opportunity to reflect on what God did for us that first Christmas.

To try to keep some perspective this year, I'm reading and reflecting on the first chapter of the book of John, which talks about Jesus coming to be the light of the world. Having grown up in the northern hemisphere, with dark, wintery Christmases, light is a beautiful metaphor to me. So this week I'd like to leave you with one of my favourite verses from the first chapter of John. It encourages me to keep my focus on Jesus when things feel too busy or too hard, or when I just need to remember that Jesus came to bring us peace with God. It's John 1:4 - "The light (Jesus) shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Wishing you and your family God's peace this Christmas,

Kind regards,  
Mrs Rachel McClure  
Acting Principal

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**MRS RACHEL MCCLURE**  
ACTING PRINCIPAL

## Prayer Points

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### GIVE THANKS

- For new life!
- For the appointment of Mrs Lisa Dumicich as Interim Principal 2024
- For God's unfailing promises which are offered to each of us

### PRAYER FOR

- Students, families and staff as the festive season and the end of school events converge
- Preparation of up coming community events



# Finance News

As the end of the school year is approaching the College asks families to review their tuition accounts. This is a friendly reminder that tuition accounts must be paid in full each year according to the College's Account Terms and Conditions (see link below).

Planning ahead for next year is encouraged. The 2024 Tuition Fees and Direct Debit forms are now available on the College website under the 'Enrolments' tab (follow links below), or from the College Office. If you need to change or set up your direct debit for 2024 to commence from 5 January 2024, please return your Direct Debit form prior to Friday 8 December 2023.

We encourage parents to establish their Direct Debit payment plan for 2024 before this school year finishes as the finance office will be closed over the Christmas period.

If you would like assistance to work out a payment plan please contact our Finance Office by emailing [accounts@wwcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:accounts@wwcc.nsw.edu.au)

Thank you for your partnership.

Mr David Shaw  
Business Manager



## TERM 4 SCHOOL REPORT INFORMATION

This year, the Wagga Wagga Christian College is processing reports digitally (via email).

Please note that we need to ensure that all families have correct email addresses for this purpose. If you need to update your information, please email it to [wwcc@waggachristian.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wwcc@waggachristian.nsw.edu.au)

We plan to email reports on Thursday 14 December. The email process takes several hours to complete. If you have not received your reports by midday Friday 15 December, please contact the College office on 6923 8888.





## YEAR 6 GRADUATION & DINNER

With excitement and a few nerves, Year 6 performed their last assembly item for Primary School at their Graduation Celebration on Thursday. The students had fun learning Auslan to 'I Am Australian' and adding some actions to 'Aussie Jingle Bells' for the performance, their voices coming alive with each practice. With proud families cheering them on Year 6 received awards and graduation certificates and a gift to commemorate this milestone in their schooling.

In the evening Year 6 dressed up and the celebrations continued with dinner, games and dancing in the MPC. It was a great way to see how far the students have come and how much they have grown and matured for the next adventure of Secondary School ahead.

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



## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Years 7 to 11 met today in a time of reflection and worship as Christmas draws close. Bobby Gardner, Pastor at Together Church, led the students through a thought provoking talk centred on Matthew 2: 1 - 12. Reflecting on the actions of the wise men visiting Jesus and the choices they made, Bobby encouraged the students to be prayerful, thoughtful and protective as they make daily decisions. How do we make good decisions? As people who have God ordained plans and purposes are we people of conviction, motivated by strong beliefs and values or are we swayed by feelings and influenced by fleeting trends. Bobby left the students with much to consider as we enter a season of celebration, remembering afresh the birth on earth of God's Son Jesus.

[SEE THE PHOTOS . . .](#)



## TOP OF MATHS

Congratulations to the Primary School students who entered and got outstanding results in the 2023 Newcastle Permanent Primary School Mathematics Competition. Topping a suite of credits and distinctions, Claire McCormick and Hamish Brown both scored High Distinctions with Hamish obtaining the top mark in the Year 6 competition. Well done to all participating students!



## POETRY AWARD IN SECONDARY

Congratulations to Sarah McDowell, Year 9, for winning second place in the Fellowship of Australian Writers NSW, Lambing Flat Young FAW 2023 Writing Competition. Sarah entered a poem in this, the 41st Lambing Flat Competition. A great encouragement to both her and her English teachers! Well done Sarah!





## MUSIC SCHOLARS

Last Friday Wagga Wagga Christian College students - Tristan Tait, Angus Tait and Hamish Brown were awarded Major Scholarships at the Riverina Conservatorium of Music for 2024.

Students auditioned for the RCM 2024 Scholarship in October and were assessed/judged by professional musicians from across Australia.

Details of the scholarships are as follows:

2024 Open Major Scholarship for Guitar- Tristan Tait  
2024 Major Scholarship for Strings - Angus Tait (Cello)  
2024 Major Scholarship for Percussion/Drums - Hamish Brown

Greta Tait was awarded the 2024 winner of the Tamaris Pfeiffer Memorial Viola Scholarship.

Congratulations to these students for your dedication and persistence in practice! Outstanding results!

## CHRISTMAS MINSTRELS

Wandering the College campus today was a flute troupe playing Christmas carols, and the odd Happy Birthday. Audiences were very appreciative of this impromptu concert and the tunes improved with every performance! Well done to the Primary School Flute Ensemble led by Mrs Cindy Bowen!



## CANTEEN NEWS

Week 10, the last week of the year, the Canteen will be offering the following:

Monday 11 Dec - Normal canteen day

Tuesday 12 Dec - No lunch orders for Primary School

Wednesday 13 Dec

Class Christmas Parties in Preschool and Primary School (as per note)  
No lunch orders for Primary School

Thursday 14 Dec - No hot food

Friday 15 Dec - Canteen closed



Thank you for supporting our Canteen in 2023!





# College Counsellor

• EMPOWERMENT • WELLBEING • AFFIRMATION

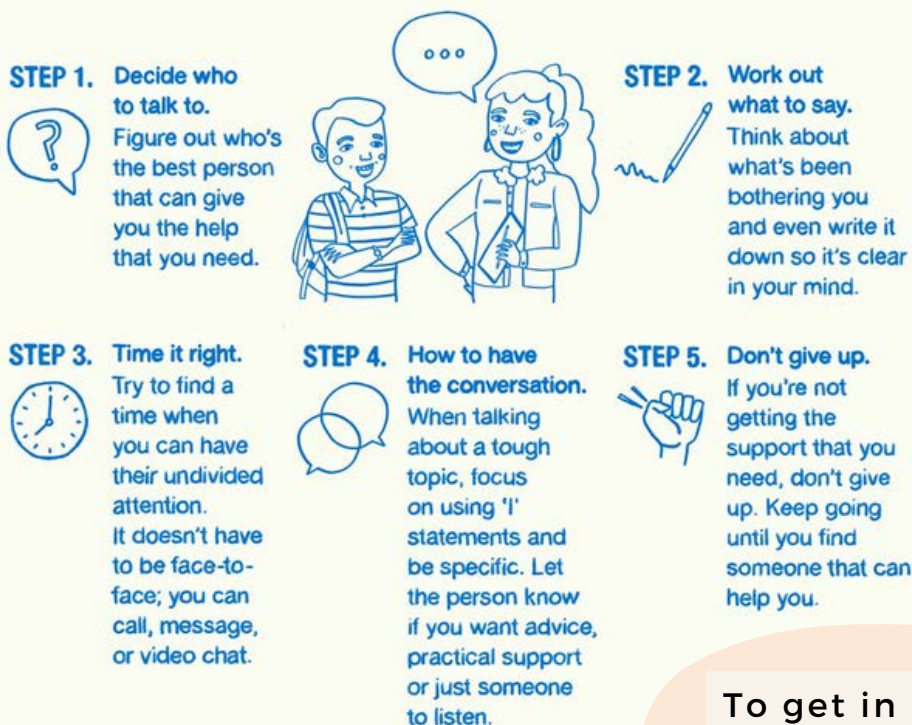


## Why does talking to someone help?

..When you're going through a tough time, one of the best and most effective things you can do to feel better is to talk to someone.

- Talking to someone can help you feel less alone, and like you're not the only one going through something.
- Sometimes, you're not looking for the person you speak to to solve your problems, you just want them to listen. You can feel a lot better after just letting it out.
- Often, people find talking to someone so helpful that they wish they'd done it a lot sooner.
- Experts say that talking can provide stress relief, and can lighten the load of a concern someone might be having.
- Talking about a problem can help to start breaking it into smaller parts, which can stop you from feeling so overwhelmed.
- Choosing someone from outside of the situation can help you have a different perspective on things.

### 5 STEPS TO TALKING TO SOMEONE YOU TRUST



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)





# PRESENTATION WEEK

Monday, December 11

**Secondary School Presentation - 7:00pm**

- Includes Year 12 Graduation

Tuesday, December 12

**Preschool Celebration - 11:30am**

**Primary School Celebration - 1:30pm**

## College Christmas Appeal

This Christmas season our community is working together to support the great work that Carevan do.

### Donations

**Non-perishable food items including:**

Cans of diced tomatoes, coconut milk, tuna, salmon, champignons, pasta sauce, tomato paste, chicken/beef stock, tinned pineapple, corn niblets, cannellini beans, red kidney beans, canned lentils, chickpeas.

Secondary School donations can be made at Assembly each day.

### SECONDARY HOUSE COMPETITION

**Earn House Points towards 2024 House Competition**

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Primary School will have containers in each classroom and a container will be provided in the TLA foyer for Secondary School for all donations.

### Staff Donations

**Bathroom items including:**

Personal use items - motel samples, shampoo, conditioner, hand cream, soaps, hand wash, new toothbrushes, toothpaste, new hairbrush/comb, new razors, shower caps, talcum powder, nail files, nail clippers, ladies' sanitary products, face washers, new towels.

Donations to be made in the Administration Staff Room.



# Summer School Holiday Activities

**COST:** \$53 per day  
**AGES:** 6-12 years  
**TIME:** 8:30am - 4:30pm

**WHAT TO BRING:** Water bottle, lunch, enclosed shoes, canteen money, medications (if applicable), Team Jerseys (For team sport days - see below).

**BOOK NOW**



Mon 18th	Nerf wars, Soccer, Badminton, Balloon tennis, Christmas craft (tree ornaments)	Wed 10th	Talent show, Basketball, Nerf wars, Badminton
Tues 19th	Oz Tag, Ninja, Cricket, European handball	Thur 11th	AFL DAY (Wear team jerseys), Table Tennis, European Handball, Obstacle Course
Wed 20th	NBA day (Wear your team jersey), Dance, Dodgeball, Christmas craft (Build Santa's sleigh)	Fri 12th	Nerf wars, Athletics, Handball, Paper plane competition
Thur 21st	Volleyball, Christmas dance party, Nerf wars, Obstacle course	Mon 15th	Dance, Dodgeball, Gymnastics, Frisbee Tag
Fri 22nd	Christmas break	Tues 16th	3x3 Basketball, Bootcamp, Nerf wars, Craft (Design a team jersey)
Sat 23rd	Christmas break	Wed 17th	Table Tennis, Floorball, Pickleball, Kickball
Sun 24th	Christmas break	Thur 18th	Soccer, Talent Show, Team Building (Create a game), Party games
Mon 25th	Christmas break	Fri 19th	Touch football, Nerf wars, Disco, Relay Races
Tue 26th	Christmas break	Mon 22nd	NFL DAY (Wear your team jersey), Handball, Netball, Ninja Warrior
Mon Jan 1st	Christmas break	Tues 23rd	World Cup (Soccer), Nerf wars, Scavenger Hunt
Tues 2nd	Soccer, Show & Tell, Skipping rope games, Team building (Meet my squad)	Wed 24th	Skipping rope games, Boards games, Gymnastics, Basketball
Wed 3rd	Yoga, Floorball, Basketball, Bootcamp, Nerf wars	Thur 25th	Superhero Day (Dress up as your favourite superhero), Talent Show, Basketball, Dodgeball
Thur 4th	NRL DAY (Wear team jersey), Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Gymnastics	Fri 26th	Closed Australia Day
Fri 5th	Mini Olympics (healthy heart day)	Mon 29th	Create and play your own sports day
Mon 8th	Scavenger Hunt, Pickleball, Dodgeball, Gymnastics	Tue 30th	Mini Olympics (healthy heart day)
Tues 9th	Tennis, Kickball, Netball, Team Building	Wed 31st	Competition Day - Tug a war, Relay Races, Multi sports

**CONTACT US:** 02 6921 5873 or [waggawagga@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:waggawagga@pcycnsw.org.au)



# VACATION CARE

## CLOSURE DATES

THE COLLEGE VACATION CARE PROGRAM  
 WILL BE CLOSED FROM  
 THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER 2023, THROUGH  
 TO FRIDAY 12 JANUARY 2024.  
 WE WILL REOPEN ON  
 MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2024.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING,  
 AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING  
 TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT CARE FOR YOUR  
 CHILD/REN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

## 7pm Saturday 16 December 2023 CHRISTMAS with the CON

**FREE** event for all ages

**Riverside Precinct, Wagga Wagga**

**Fireworks finale**

Presented by

**RCM**  
 WAGGA WAGGA

Sponsored by



Wagga Wagga  
 City Council



Country Hope RCM partnering with Country Hope with the lighting of their Tree of Hope





# 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, email [waggaphysie@gmail.com](mailto:waggaphysie@gmail.com) for further information or find us on Facebook or Instagram!**

Physical  
Culture

## PHYSIE NEWS

Bonnie Gomersal, Year 3, competed in the 8 Year section of the Bjelke-Petersen Physical Culture Central Western Zone Competitions in Parkes in October and was awarded 5th Place. There were 30 competitors in Bonnie's age group from Bathurst, Condobolin, Dubbo, Mudgee and Orange. Placegetters are then eligible to compete at the Junior National Finals in Sydney at the Quay Centre, Olympic Park against girls from all over Australia where Bonnie performed well and received a Medallion for her efforts.

# Christmas Services

**FREE EVENT**

**Christmas SPECTACULAR**

AT TOGETHER CHURCH

**SATURDAY  
9TH DECEMBER  
5PM**

555 KOORINGAL RD, WAGGA  
TOGETHERCHURCH.ORG/CHRISTMAS

## This Christmas

### Christmas Lead Up

5pm St Paul's Carols in the Carpark  
Dec 17th

### Christmas Eve

5pm St Paul's Family Show  
7pm St Alban's Lessons & Carols  
11pm St Paul's Communion by Candlelight

### Christmas Day

8am St Alban's Holy Communion  
9am St Paul's Family Communion

South Wagga  
Anglican Church

**WAGGA WAGGA EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

INVITES YOU IN DECEMBER

1	2	3 Genesis 3:1-15 'Serpent Crusher' 9am & 11am	4	5
6	7	8	9	
10 CHRISTMAS Celebration FREE RIDES & BBQ PTO FOR MORE 9am	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Micah 5:1-5 'Saving King' 9am & 11am	18	19
20	21	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Zechariah 9:9-17 'King Of Peace' 9am & 11am	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Isaiah 11:1-9 'Promised King' 9am	
22	23			

Every Sunday at 401 Koorungal Rd (in the School Hall)

 [WWEC.ORG.AU](http://WWEC.ORG.AU) 

## Wagga Baptist Church

### Christmas Eve

8 am | 10 am | 5 pm

### Christmas Day

9 am

## Living Water

### Christmas Eve

7 pm

### Christmas Day

9 am



# Christmas Services

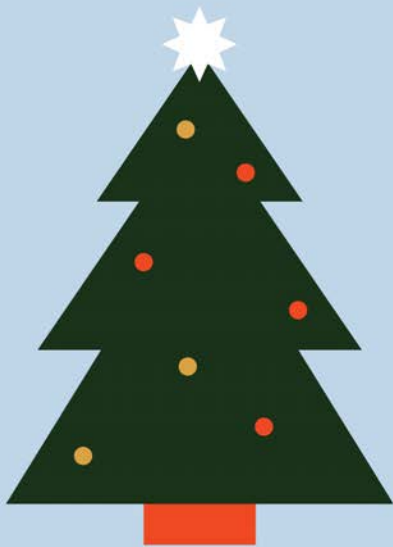


## Christmas Gatherings

Christmas Family Service  
Sun 17th Dec @10am

Christmas Eve Service  
Sun 24th Dec @9am

Generocity Church  
194 Lake Albert Rd,  
Koorinal



COME AND  
JOIN US THIS  
CHRISTMAS  
AT ST AIDAN'S

[www.staidanswagga.org.au](http://www.staidanswagga.org.au)

### CHRISTMAS EVE

6pm - Free BBQ with Kids Activities

7pm - Carols in the Garden -  
"Christmas means Joy"

### CHRISTMAS DAY

9am - Celebration of Christmas -  
"Christmas means Peace"

St Aidan's  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



# Christmas Services

**HOPE**  
COMMUNITY

Invites you to our

## Christmas Service

Sunday 17th December

10:30am @74 Johnston St

We will share a Christmas lunch  
after the service.



**Uniting Church Australia**

17-21 Johnston Street, Wagga Wagga

**Christmas Eve**

10:30 am

**Christmas Day**

9:30 am

**Sunday 31 Dec**

10:30 am





# CHURCH COMMUNITIES YOU ARE WELCOME!



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

