



THE CHRONICLE

Wagga Wagga Christian College

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear WWCC Community,

I must start by thanking Ms Clarke and Mrs Alcorn for stepping in and writing the newsletter article last week while I took a short detour to the Emergency Department with a broken wrist. Articles for the next few weeks will be typed one-handed!

You might have seen on Facebook that the Subs in Schools and F1 in Schools teams have returned from their State competition with a number of awards. I want to congratulate them on their excellent engineering efforts as well their professional presentation of themselves, their work, and their school. Thanks to the staff, sponsors and parents who make these opportunities possible for students at the College. I would also like to thank the many parents, grandparents and friends who have volunteered in so many capacities at the College this year, from reading in classrooms and attending excursions to assisting with events like the Fete. The College is a richer, more vibrant community because of your contributions, and we are grateful.

On campus last week, we travelled back in time for Medieval Day. The MPC was transformed with feasting tables, dais and throne. Students (and teachers) took the costuming very seriously and it was great to see them engaged in learning in such a colourful way. Primary and Secondary students



also competed in tennis tournaments last week. Year 3 and 4 were at the Regional Qualifiers of the Todd Woodbridge Cup, and Secondary students competed with other local schools at the Foster Cup in Turvey Park.

This week, we have our first Kindy Play Day for next year's Kindergarten students. This will be an exciting day for the two classes of students who are about to come to Primary School! We look forward to welcoming them and their families tomorrow, as they meet the teachers and familiarise themselves with their new classrooms and get ready for the transition to Kindergarten.

The College is also continuing the process of recruiting a new, long-term Principal. Please continue to pray for God's wisdom and guidance for College leadership as we look toward the future.

Kind regards,
Mrs Rachel McClure
Acting Principal

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MRS RACHEL MCCLURE
ACTING PRINCIPAL

**WEAR A HAT OF YOUR CHOICE
THIS FRIDAY!**
as we celebrate our teachers!

Prayer Points

GIVE THANKS

- All those who volunteer at the College so generously
- The growth students experience when they persist in through challenging circumstances

PRAYER FOR

- Those suffering loss and bereavement
- Wisdom and guidance for College leadership
- Students preparing for exams and Year 12 persevering through the HSC exam period

#WORLDTEACHERSDAY2023

**HATS OFF
TO TEACHERS**

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023

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worldteachersday.edu.au



KINDERGARTEN 2024 in the spotlight!



MRS LISA JOINER

KJ, Kindergarten 2024

So many great things happen in Kindergarten what are you looking forward to in particular?

Definitely having lots of fun learning together. I started my teaching career as a Kindy teacher and I am very excited to be moving back into this space. I just love the inquisitive mind of each child and the wonder they have for the world God has created.

In your experience of over 20 years of teaching, how important is Kindergarten in a child's school journey?

It is crucial! Kindy is the foundational platform on which a child's school journey is based and I take seriously my responsibility to nurture this important stage of development. It is my aim to give each child the best experience possible and focus on the development of the whole person, growing and guiding them in their social and spiritual development, along with all the hands-on learning they do in the classroom.

We know that parents and children who work together enjoy great outcomes. Is there a role for parents in a Kindergarten class?

Definitely! Parents are so welcome in our classrooms. We value parent involvement and we see it demonstrated over and over again that when the College and parents work together it provides the best outcomes. We get to share the joy on the children's faces when they learn new skills and achieve milestones.



MRS FIONA GODING

KG, Kindergarten 2024

Kindergarten 2024! Are you excited?

I am so incredibly excited!! I have spent the last ten years teaching Kindergarten and Year 1 at Flinders Christian Community College (Victoria) and walking into Wagga Christian College feels like coming home, that I was meant to be here.

What is it that you love about Kinder?

So many special qualities shine in a Kinder classroom; the children have an innocence and a desire to give and give and give. As their teacher I feel thoroughly blessed as I receive so much back from each child. I know that my God given role here on earth is to help others and I love the opportunity to grow each child to be independent and strong, to get to know themselves and each other, to grow together within a community.

Walking into WWCC's Kinder classrooms what stands out?

The creativity! It is like my two passions are combined together. I love teaching and I love interior decorating!! I eat and breathe creativity and the Reggio Emilia approach to learning allows artistic tendencies to blossom.

When you are not in the classroom where can we find you?

I am a mermaid, so I might be paddleboarding on Lake Albert. But being in the country I am reveling walking Tess the crazy kelpie up into the hills. Being outside lifts the spirits and I thank God each time I have the opportunity.



MEDIEVAL DAY

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! We come, as humble Year 8 students, before the Lords of this province bearing gifts of writing, castle design, heraldry, promises of faithfulness and stories of heroic feats. Friday was Medieval Day, when Year 8 students presented their creative group work assignments, showcasing the learning they have been doing in Human Society and its Environment (HSIE).

"Today has been a great opportunity to engage the students in topics of learning. They have drawn on all that they have learnt in class to develop a story line based on an assumed family identity, design of a castle and a coat of arms, development of a code of chivalry and the composition of a persuasive letter to the Lord." explained Mr Paul Wallace, Head of HSIE in Secondary School.

The Daily Advertiser popped in to capture the action. Read all about it here: [Wagga Christian College goes back in time to the medieval period](#) | [The Daily Advertiser](#) | [Wagga Wagga, NSW](#)

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



SUBS & F1 IN SCHOOLS STATE COMPETITIONS

Our STEM teams achieved OUTSTANDING results at the Re-Engineering Australia SUBS and F1 in Schools State Competition last week with the F1 team qualifying for Nationals!

Both Orca and Trident teams won numerous awards in the Development and Professional classes of the SUBS in Schools competition. And our Secondary F1 team, NEO, in their second year in the competition, have improved their engineering skills out of sight.

Credit to each team member for their perseverance through what is a challenging competition. Massive thanks to the teachers and parents who partnered with the students throughout the preparation and in the intense competition week.

[SEE THE RESULTS, PHOTOS AND LINKS TO MEDIA ARTICLES HERE](#)

WAGGA MARKETPLACE

Crunch time this Friday 27 October! The winner of the Wagga Wagga Marketplace's New Playground Naming Competition will be revealed at the opening of the new playground. Two members of our College community are finalists in the competition - Ella, in Year 6, and Hope, sister to Max (Year 4) and Spencer (Year 1). College Mum and local artist Megan Cameron, has designed and painted the playground artwork, which pays homage to our rural surrounds and farming community. Everyone is welcome to the opening of the playground this Friday at 10:00am - see flyer in the Chronicle for further information. We look forward to hearing the results and having fun in this new creative space!





MUSIC IN THE COMMUNITY

All stemming from the College Battle of the Bands, our very own Christee Nah, Year 11, was invited by local musician and owner of Allison Music, Dale Allison, to record a cover of 'I Can't Make You Love Me' by Bonnie Raitt. This Sunday's live gig 'Balcony Sessions' with Dale Allison and Geoff Simpson at the Civic Theatre will feature Christee as well as College parent, Lachlan Brown.

Check out this link to hear the cover and an amazing ABC radio interview with Christee and Dale at 1hr 33min:

<https://www.abc.net.au/.../riverina-saturday.../102980348>

Click the event link in the image for more information and to purchase tickets.



YEAR 6 VISIT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Perfect Canberra weather accompanied Year 6 on their excursion to our Nation's capital last term. It was a packed few days with visits to a variety of sites which complemented their History and Geography lessons on democracy, citizenship, federation, governance and immigration. Students explored Parliament House, the National Museum of Australia (where they especially enjoyed the soundscape outdoor map of Australia), the Australian War Memorial (a visit which was most remembered for the emergency evacuation of the building) and hands on time at Questacon in the evening. For the sporty students learning about leading edge technology at the Australian Institute of Sport was a highlight.

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)

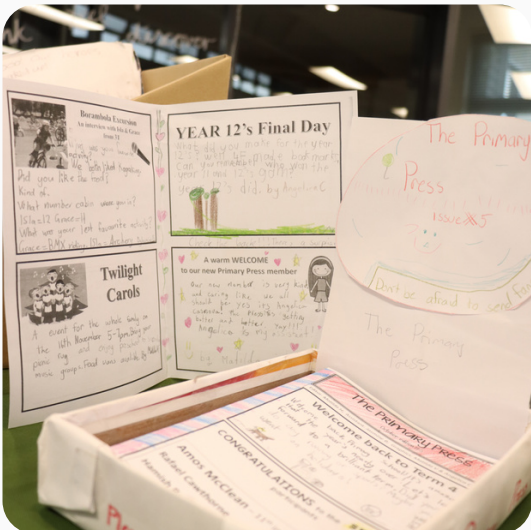


IN THE LIBRARY

The Library has become a creative hub for the Primary School!

This past week students have been enjoying Issue 5 of the Primary Press as well as a number of comic books written by Primary School students. It is wonderful to see the creativity of our students being used to bless others. The comic books have been a particular hit with the boys!

Thank you to the Librarians for creating space for these creative endeavours and for facilitating sharing the output with the student body.



LOVIN' SPORT



YEAR 3 & 4 TODD WOODBRIDGE REGIONALS

Despite missing out on Sydney's State Finals by only a few points, our Year 3 and 4 tennis stars shone brightly at Friday's Stage Two Regional Qualifiers of the Todd Woodbridge Cup. It was a wonderful day of tough competition from the top tennis schools in the region, and the students gave it their all, fighting up until the last second. The team hit some terrific shots, worked well with each other, and had some great rallies. They communicated with their teammates positively and showed great sportsmanship. Well done team!

[SEE THE PHOTOS. . .](#)



CWWHSSA FOSTER CUP

A smashing day at the Foster Cup Tennis Tournament!

Five of our Secondary students competed against schools from across Wagga in the Foster Cup at Turvey Park Tennis Courts on Friday. They all had a tremendous time improving their skills, meeting new people and spending time with each other. As the day progressed the students improved their serving and overall attitude towards their own achievements.

Well done to Will who not only played during HSC exam time but did so with a sore wrist! Ned, Hannah, Ruby, and Brenna played fantastically and are all looking forward to next year when they will be better than ever.

Overall, the team placed third, falling to Mater Dei and TRAC. Thank you to Mr Cunningham for organising the training and transport and for being there to cheer on the team!

College Counsellor

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10 Tips For Coping With The Hard Stuff

The full article was originally published at reachout.com which can be found [here](#).

When you're experiencing a tough time or life seems particularly difficult, what do you do to get through the hard stuff? Try using some of the coping strategies listed below. They'll help you to manage and relieve stress.

Talk to someone

Share your worries with a trusted friend, family member or health professional. It could take pressure off your shoulders, and they just might have some advice that you'll find useful. It can be hard to open up, but we've got you covered.

Get journalling

Writing down your feelings can help you work out what might be troubling you and ways you can improve the situation. Don't worry too much about what you write; just write down whatever comes to mind. Keep your journal handy so that you can look back at what you've written.

Self-love

You've gotta look after yourself! Try some regular exercise, or meditate, or listen to music. Do whatever makes you feel good, even if it's only for five minutes a day.

Take a break

Don't feel like you have to slog through the hard stuff. Give yourself permission to leave situations that make you feel stressed or angry. For example, if you're in a stressful conversation, try leaving the room for a moment and only resume talking when you feel calm and ready.

If you're involved in group chats, it can get a bit overwhelming, especially when you're already stressing out. If this happens, you can leave a chat or set some boundaries. For example, you could let your friends know that you're not going to check your phone for the rest of the day or only look at messages at a certain time each day.

Be nice to yourself

How we talk to ourselves makes a huge difference to how we feel. Use positive self-talk to overcome negative thought patterns.

Take a step back

Remember: you can't do everything. Make a list of the things you need to get done, and work out a schedule that will help you get there. Don't forget to schedule in some fun and relaxing times, too!

Think about the big picture

When you're going through a stressful situation, ask yourself: 'How important is this? Will it matter in the long run?' Some people find it handy to ask themselves: 'Is this going to matter in five years' time?'

Focus on the positive

It can be so easy to get caught up in all the negatives. If you can find at least one positive thing about a situation (Is it teaching you something about yourself? Is it strengthening your relationship with someone?), it will help you to see a more balanced picture. This can be hard to do, but you'll improve with practise!

Say thanks

If you're feeling down, practise being grateful by writing down three things you're thankful for. They can be really little things, like your morning coffee. Look at these gratitude lists whenever you're feeling down.

Do something... anything!

When life is hard, you might feel tempted to get back into bed, pop your phone on aeroplane mode and avoid everything. Instead, try breaking big tasks down into smaller, more achievable goals. Celebrating small wins (like finally doing the laundry) will help you to build confidence and stay motivated until life feels easier.

To get in touch with the
College Counsellor

phone the College on 6923 8888 or
email: g.mclean@wwcc.nsw.edu.au

TERM 4

special events



SAVE THE DATE

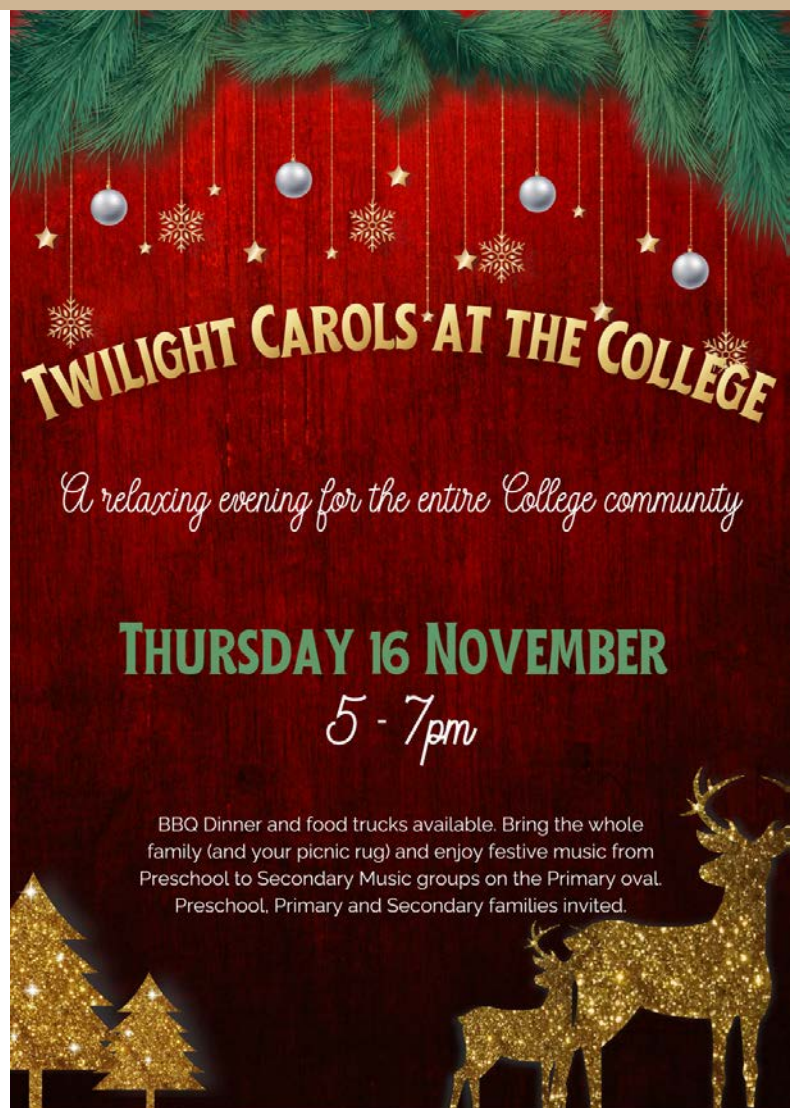
WWCC 2023
YEAR 6
GRADUATION
EVENTS

November 30th

GRADUATION ASSEMBLY 2:20 - 3:10PM
IN THE MPC FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

CELEBRATION DINNER 5:30-7:30PM
IN THE MPC FOR STUDENTS

More details to come in Term 4.

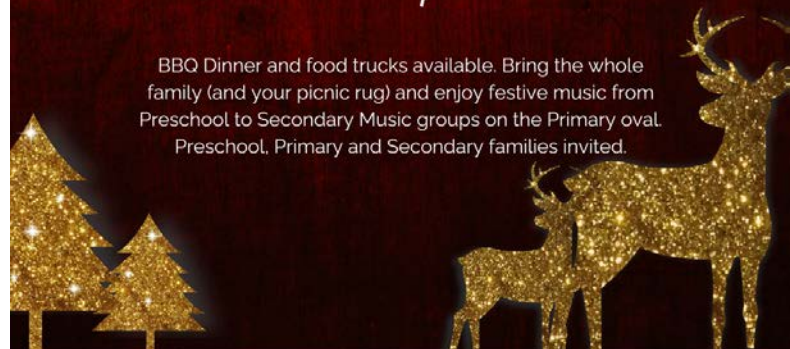


TWILIGHT CAROLS AT THE COLLEGE

A relaxing evening for the entire College community

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER
5 - 7pm

BBQ Dinner and food trucks available. Bring the whole family (and your picnic rug) and enjoy festive music from Preschool to Secondary Music groups on the Primary oval. Preschool, Primary and Secondary families invited.



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

YEAR 2 FAMILY CATCH UP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
10:00AM

LOCATION - BIDGEE
STRAWBERRIES AND
CREAM

Cost: \$5/person entry or \$16/family,
\$6/250g punnet, \$25/kg
RSVP/Questions: Youngju 0411 199 579



Kindy Family Catch Up

SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER
2:00PM
WAGGA BEACH RIVER PARK

Questions? Contact Bek - community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au

Year 4 Family Catch Up



Saturday, November 18

LASER TAG

from 3:00pm

for 45 mins (2 games with a 15min break)

Cost: \$16 for 2 games, pay on day

RSVP by Friday, Nov 10

Youngju 0411 199 579

Parents will need to be responsible
for their children during this activity



Primary School Chess Club

In the beginning, Term 1, the amazing Primary School Chess Club was born. The creators, Gemma, Katherine & Madelyn, and supervisor Miss Brooke Scriven, invite all Year 1 to Year 6 students to join us in this wonderful opportunity of fun and stimulation. You will unlock new skills of problem solving, risk taking and checkmating...and do not worry, there is no homework! Join us in the 55 classroom every Thursday lunchtime to hone skills in some friendly competition. See you soon!

By Gemma Harris, Katherine Hyde & Madelyn Stewart



PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

PLEASE JOIN US

3 Nov
24 Nov



2:15PM
MPC

College Christmas Appeal

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

Student 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.

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.



MIDDLE YEARS DEFENCE FORCE DAY

FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER

NAVY
YEAR 5

WHITE

SPECIAL FORCES
YEAR 6

BLACK

ARMY
YEAR 7

GREEN

AIRFORCE
YEAR 8

BLUE



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.

YOU'RE INVITED TO
WAGGA WAGGA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE'S

Grand Opening

OF R BLOCK

Join us as we commit R Block to God, thanking Him for the provision of wonderful new classrooms and associated spaces.

21 | 11 | 23
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Dedication Service followed by morning tea.

We would love all parents, carers and
family members to join us!
RSVP College Office 6923 8888

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATIONS

You are invited to the launch of our brand new playground!



FRIDAY

27

OCTOBER

AT 10:00 AM

Opening festivities include:

- Reveal of the name of the playground and presentation to the winner
- Meet and greet of local artist Megan Cameron from Megan Cameron Artist and Elaine Camlin from Unique State Art Space
- Exclusive access for play for Children from the ASPECT school and 3 naming finalists until 11am

RSVP to Chloe by 23rd October 2023

chloe.sutton@jll.com

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ARMY, RAAF, NAVY



The RANCH

The RAAF Army Navy
Community House Inc.



CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

FOOD TRUCKS - RIDES - SANTA - LIVE MUSIC
CAROLS - FACE PAINTING - SPECIAL GUESTS

*Everything is
on Us!*

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER
KAPOOKA COMMUNITY CENTRE PARK

4 - 8PM

TICKETS ESSENTIAL VIA
OUR QR CODE





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