



# THE CHRONICLE

Wagga Wagga Christian College

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Chronicle Readers,

This week I share some sad news with you about Mr Shane Ceccato. Shane was a wonderful Christian man who cared for his family, classes, peers, and our wider Christian College community, and sadly he passed away over the weekend. For over twenty years he taught across the College in a huge range of subjects and year levels, and both inside and outside the classroom he could be seen encouraging and mentoring those around him. Our heart and continued prayers go out to his wife Cindy, his children Nicola, Zach, and Sam, his wider family members, and his close group of friends who are all hurting at this time. I shared the following verses with staff earlier this week, and I hope it provides comfort, reassurance, and hope to you in your journey this week. In my chats with Shane I know he believed it wholeheartedly:

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Vale Shane Ceccato**

Mr Phillip Wilson  
Principal



## Prayer Points

### GIVE THANKS

- The life of Shane Ceccato
- For opportunities to be together.

### PRAYER FOR

- The family and friends of Shane Ceccato
- Open Night event and families who are considering attending.



# OPEN NIGHT



EXPLORE PRESCHOOL TO YEAR 12 AT  
WAGGA WAGGA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

TONIGHT!

4.30 - 7.30PM

Here are a few snippets of what is happening around the College tonight on Open Night. Bring your family and friends, neighbours and work colleagues. This is a great day to discover all parts of our wonderful College.



See the National Final ROV and Submarine in action.



Make tongue tingling sherbet.



Send an F1 Car racing down the track.



Visit the Lemonade Stall.



Digital art expression in the art room.



Put yourself out there with the Maths Challenge.



Espresso Coffee by Maddish & student run White Dove Cafe.



Enjoy a steak sandwich or a sausage and support the Year 9 and 10 Tasmania Excursion.



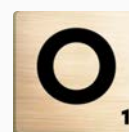
Sun watching through the telescope at the Astro Dome.



Sign up to be a WWCC Explorer. Make a badge, go exploring, solve the clues and receive a prize.



Explore the science of sound at the ASEC Centre.



Discover your inner wordsmith with a game of giant scrabble.



Dig deep and participate in a Bananagram challenge - the ultimate anagram game.



Participate in the winning Scratch coding challenge in the Computer Room (and BONUS - learn all about NSW produce).



Plant a succulent to take home.



Decorate cookies for a yummy snack for later.



Enjoy the toe tapping music making and be part of the audience for dance performances.



Click through for full program of performances.



# OPEN NIGHT PROGRAM



MUSIC, DANCING, AUCTIONEERING  
TONIGHT!



TIME	GROUP	PLACE
4:30	Year 11/12 Band	Secondary Quad
4:30	Primary School Choir	Primary COLA
4:30 – 5:15	Cookie Making with Year 3	Outside Year 3 Classrooms
4:30 – 6:00	Plant a Succulent with Year 6	Outside Year 6 Classrooms
4:30 – 6:30	Code Challenge	Computer Lab, Ground Floor, Library Building
4:45	Christee and Shiphrah Duo	Secondary Quad
5:00	Year 5 and Year 6 Band	Secondary Quad
5:00 – 5:45	Sherbet Making with Year 1	Outside Year 1 Classrooms
5:15	Recorder Ensemble	Secondary Quad
5:25	Auctioneering Demonstration	Secondary Quad
5:30	Kindergarten 2024 Information Session	Primary COLA
5:30	Senior Band	Secondary Quad
6:00	Year 9/10 Band	Secondary Quad
6:00	Year 7 2024 Information Session	MPC
6:00 – 6:45	Lemonade Stall with Year 5	Outside Year 5 Classrooms
6:15	Senior Flute Ensemble	Secondary Quad
6:15	Year 4 Performance	Primary COLA
6:30	Junior Flute Ensemble	Secondary Quad
6:45	Year 4 & 5 Flute Ensemble	Secondary Quad
7:00	Worship Band	Secondary Quad



# HUNGRY?

stop by at the College BBQ for a snack on  
Open Night!

**BRING  
CASH!**

sausage sandwich \$2.50

steak sandwich \$5

can of drink \$2

juice popper \$2.50

bottled water \$2

all proceeds from the BBQ will support  
the Year 9/10 Tasmania Excursion

Espresso Coffee, hot drinks will be supplied  
by Maddish Coffee Van & the student run  
White Dove Cafe.



**COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT - TUESDAY 7 MARCH - 4:30 - 7:30PM**





## A NEW PLAYGROUND EMERGES!

Instant green lawn has arrived outside the new classroom block, K Block. This is the beginning of the development of a new play area for students which will include new play equipment and a basketball court.

A massive thank you to the Maintenance team who worked tirelessly with a team of committed students over two days to complete phase one of the project.

Come down and have a look around at this wonderful new space on Open Night!



## TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Last week Kindergarten had a Teddy Bears Picnic to celebrate their first Wednesday at school. The children participated in lots of different "teddy bear" themed activities including reading to their bears, measuring their bears, drawing and writing about their bears. They sang songs and read lots of books about bears. Kindergarten also played party games and gave their bears a ride on the parachute before making a big bear cave. They even ate bear cupcakes and tiny teddies! They were so tired after lunch so they lay on the floor with their bears and watched "Little Bear". It was a wonderful day of learning and fun!

[SEE THE PHOTOS. . .](#)



## 3T'S WEAVING CREATION

If you visited 3T last week you would have heard words like . . . "Over"; "Under"; "Next colour"; "Can you thread my needle?"; "This is so relaxing"; "That looks good"; "Who has the pink wool?"; "This wool is so soft."

Yes, you guessed it, 3T were busy learning how to weave. First they had to construct the looms, making sure that they had an odd number of strings on the loom. Then they began weaving. They enjoyed choosing colours to make pretty patterns. Some children chose colours that depicted the Earth's layers, while others chose contrasting colours or their favourite colours.

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



## COMMUNITY GROUP

Last week's first Community Group meeting was the first opportunity parents have had to get together and plan for upcoming events for three years! It was so great to meet and share ideas, establish the Class Parent Representative roles and start planning for the College Fete scheduled for Saturday 26 August. If you missed the meeting or would be interested knowing more about being a CPR or the upcoming Fete please contact Heidi or Bek at [community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au). We look forward to a great year ahead!



## YEAR 7 AT CAMP

"It was an awesome time," Mrs Emily Deighton, Stage 4 Coordinator, was ecstatic with how Year 7 went at the Attunga camp last week. When seeking to decide on the best part of the trip it was summed up by, "The students were amazing!" In terms of activities Year 7 packed their time in the Southern Highlands with team building, opportunities to challenge and stretch themselves as well as having fun. Active, group based activity was punctuated with quieter reflective times including great chats about who God is and how much He loves each one of us.

[FIND OUT MORE AND SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



## YEAR 4 HOST THE FIRST PRIMARY PARENT ASSEMBLY

What a lovely afternoon Primary School had on Friday as Year 4 hosted our very first Primary Parent Assembly! Both 4H and 4F blew us away with their African and South American-themed performances, it was great to see all of their hard work pay off. If you missed this performance make sure you catch it at today's Open Night at 6:15pm at the Primary COLA. We can't wait to see you at our next Primary Parent Assembly with Year 1 performing later this month!

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



## MARKETPLACE CONNECTION

Thank you to all the families who supported the College Marketplace stall and performances last week. It is great to be out in the community again and shoppers so enjoyed listening to our younger students sing and our senior students perform. There were many comments about what wonderful musicians they were and the students even received a donation for their efforts! We look forward to sharing these excellent musical performances with you at Open Night! Check out the program on the College webpage: Open Day Program 2023 ([usrfiles.com](https://www.wagga.wagga.nsw.edu.au/our-school/open-day-program-2023))



## SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the Secondary student teams who competed in the Science and Engineering Challenge organised by the University of Newcastle, hosted by Rotary, last Thursday. In small groups, students competed in a range of STEM activities covering elements of communication, problem-solving and teamwork. The challenges included construction, circuits and communication activities and extended the students as they competed against schools from across the Riverina. Congratulations to our Secondary students for coming third in the competition.

[Students compete to build best engineering and science projects | The Daily Advertiser | Wagga Wagga, NSW](#)

[PHOTOS...](#)



# ART COMPS

Ardlethan Art Show -  
Entries close 9th May  
(Mrs Martinez can  
collect entries and enter  
them prior to this cut off  
date.)

## 2023 ARDLETHAN ART PRIZE

### GALA NIGHT AND EXHIBITION

FRIDAY 12 MAY TO  
SUNDAY 14 MAY  
ARDLETHAN MEMORIAL HALL



#### COMPETITION

Competition includes the below sections:

- Open Section
- Red Dirt and Gum Trees

#### GALA OPENING NIGHT FRIDAY 12 MAY 2023

6:30pm | Entry fee \$20  
The gala opening will include  
announcements of winners and early  
opportunity to purchase art.  
Supper provided and bar available.

#### EXHIBITION

SATURDAY 13+14 MAY 2023  
Gold coin donation on entry  
Open from 10am to 3pm

Photography Competition - (Local Land Services: The Magic of Wiradjuri Country) – Entries close 28th April (Mrs Martinez & guest artists to judge & choose 3 top entries for submission). This is a competition that will bring together amateur photographers from across the Riverina to capture what they see as the magic of the land we live on. This competition will be open to school children in 2023. There's no right or wrong focus for the photograph - to some, a landmark, an animal, a person, or even the landscape itself may be what catches their eye.

Coolamon's Up2Date Art Exhibition will be held at the iconic Up-To-Date Store from 26th August until 10th September 2023 and entries forms will be available shortly. \$2700.00 in prize money will be on offer in the following categories:

High School Student Art Prize - \$150.00

People's Choice Award - \$500.00

Primary School Student Art Prize - \$50.00

Theme Section "Nostalgia" - \$500.00

RSL Veterans Art Prize - \$500.00

Open Prize - \$1000.00

In 2023, 'Nostalgia' is the focus of our themed section. What does 'Nostalgia' mean to you? We look forward to seeing your interpretation of this inclusive theme, in your chosen medium.

# LOVIN' SPORT



## CIS TENNIS

For the second year in a row Will Carmichael, Year 12, has represented CSSA at the CIS Tennis Championships at The Kings School, Sydney. The competition is intense at this level and Will has the honour of being the only regional player in the whole competition.

"I played against guys who play in the Junior Australian Open, who aim to be playing at least at a State level. My first game was against the number 10 seed in Australia. I had a good day with mixed results, winning and losing matches. It was a great competition."

Well done Will!



## TREX SNOWY MOUNTAINS CROSS TRIATHLON

On Friday 24th February, a few College families travelled across the Snowy Mountains and arrived in one of the most beautiful places in Australia, Lake Crackenback Resort and Spa. We had a free day on Saturday to roll around the trails and soak in the race atmosphere, whilst cheering on the athletes in the 100, 75 and 42 km Trail Runs as they came over the finish line.

Sunday was triathlon race day. Polly Russell (Year 7) and Charlotte Jones (Year 6) both competed in the Duathlon, dodging the lake swim but competing on the bike and in the run, and finishing 1st & 2nd respectively. I did the 400m swim, 15km mountain bike and 3.3km trail run. Apart from the mountain biking, I loved every minute of my event and I finished 1st in my age group.

**Elsie Russell, Year 11.**

PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH OUR COMMUNITY BY EMAILING  
COMMUNITY@WWCC.NSW.EDU.AU



# COLLEGE COUNSELLOR

Mr Geoff McLean

Hello there!  
Thanks for stopping by . . .



EMPOWERMENT

WELLBEING

AFFIRMATION

## GETTING NAPLAN READY

Exams and Anxiety - a perfect match?

### SUMMARY

- **Situational anxiety increases motivation and alertness**
- **Cognitive distortions lack evidence and should be challenged**
- **Positive self-talk can counteract this negative thinking, and increase self-confidence**

Some things partner well: bacon and eggs, movies and popcorn, winter and fireplaces. Two things that always seem to join forces are exams and anxiety. Are they destined to always go hand-in-hand or can we have a test without being stressed?

Well, it depends. It is perfectly normal and actually helpful to experience situational anxiety prior to an exam. It can increase our motivation to prepare prior to a test and be ready for it. And when we walk into that exam room, the action of our adrenal glands and sympathetic nervous system can see us benefit from an increase in alertness and presence in the moment. [1]

However, being human, sometimes we let our thoughts get away with us in what is known as cognitive distortions. These are irrational thoughts that tend to be negative and lack evidence. Leading up to a test, students may hold cognitive distortions such as:

"I passed the first test, but only because it was easy."

"I never do well on tests, so I won't do well on this one."

"If I don't get an A, I'm worthless."

"I'm going to fail!"

"If I don't do well on this test, I'll never get a job."

"The teacher doesn't like me, so he'll probably give me a bad grade."

"All my classmates are smarter than me. There's no way I'll do well on this test."

### Where's the evidence?

Once students identify cognitive distortions that are harmful, they can challenge them by examining the evidence and counteracting with positive self-talk. Instead of the negative cognitive distortions above, below are some examples of positive self-talk:

"I'm well-prepared for this test."

"I'm going to do my best."

"I can get through this."

"This is going to be okay."

"Tests are never as bad as I think they'll be."

"Even though I'm anxious, I can still do well."

"I can see myself passing this test." [2]

"I'll use relaxation skills to calm down."

### Take Action:

Make your own list of positive self-talk and put it somewhere you'll see it every day - on a mirror, opposite your timetable, inside your lunchbox and repeat the statements every time you see the list.

### References:

1. 3 Reasons Why Anxiety Is Good For You | Psychology Today
2. Treating Test Anxiety (Guide) | Therapist Aid

To get in touch with the College Counsellor  
phone the College on 6923 888 or email: [g.mclean@wwcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:g.mclean@wwcc.nsw.edu.au)

# HOW TO VIEW A CHALLENGE



## AND IF IT GETS TOO HARD...





## NAPLAN Timetable – 2023

WEEK 7A	Year 3	Year 5	Year 7	Year 9
Wed 15 Mar	Writing (p1)	Writing (p2)	Writing (p1)	Writing (p3)
Thu 16 Mar			Reading (p1)	Reading (p3)
Fri 17 Mar	Catch Up (Writing)	Catch Up (Writing)	Catch Up (Writing)	Catch Up (Writing)

WEEK 8B	Year 3	Year 5	Year 7	Year 9
Mon 20 Mar	Reading (p1)	Reading (p3)		
Tue 21 Mar	C.O.L (p1)	C.O.L (p3)		
Wed 22 Mar	Numeracy (p1)	Numeracy (p3)		
Thu 23 Mar			C.O.L (p3)	C.O.L (p4)
Fri 24 Mar			Numeracy (p3)	Numeracy (p1)

WEEK 9A	Year 3	Year 5	Year 7	Year 9
Mon 27 Mar	Catch Ups	Catch Ups	Catch Ups	Catch Ups

**NOTE:** C.O.L refers to Conventions of Language



# For The Family

## Defence Family Welcome Lunch

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 @ 1:30 PM

TLA FOYER

RSVP - BEK GRANT -  
DEFENCE@WWCC.NSW.EDU.AU



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Teachers

Christian Life Studies - part time  
English - maternity

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



## Year 1 Family Catch Up



Saturday, March 25

Adventure Playground

Wagga Beach Riverside Precinct

from 9:30am

RSVP by Thursday, March 23

Cassie - 0424 335 492



## Year 2 Family Catch Up

Saturday 1 April

Inflatable World

26 Nagle Street, Wagga

10:00am - 12:00pm

RSVP by Thursday 30 March

Youngju Anderson - 0411 199 579



## YEAR 4 FAMILY CATCH UP

Saturday April 1st

Wagga Beach Playground

12pm-2pm

RSVP Sammy 0405 559 399

or Youngju 0411 199 579





# Prayer Meeting

Tuesday 14 March  
9:10 - 9:45am

OOSH room, next to Preschool playground.  
Children will have a book read to them  
whilst parents pray for the College.

All are welcome! Any queries,  
[community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au)



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**MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup>**





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## Grunt 2023

AN EASTER MUSICAL BY  
WAL SPENCER & JOE ROMEO  
BROUGHT TO YOU  
BY THE COMBINED  
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Tickets  
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This is a FREE event.

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### Performances

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 11am & 7pm  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10am & 12.45pm  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 11am & 7pm  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 11am & 7pm  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 7pm

# For The Community

FAMILY IS EVERYTHING



WAGGA FELLOWSHIP  
KINGDOM DECLARERS

GUEST SPEAKER  
PASTOR MANASA KOLIVUSO



7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
6:30 - 9:00 PM

## WAGGA WAGGA SYMPOSIUM

GLENFIELD PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE  
8 TANDA PLACE, GLENFIELD PARK NSW 2650

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TOM ON : 0427968897

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## EASTER EGG HUNT

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WELCOME  
FREE  
ENTRY



FAMILY  
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10AM SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2023

at Gobbagombalin Park, Wagga Wagga

For more info, contact (02) 6937 1555  
or email [carersupportwagga@anglicare.com.au](mailto:carersupportwagga@anglicare.com.au)

## JEANS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

During the month of March, all of the College staff are being encouraged to wear their jeans every Friday and make donations to the Ronald McDonald House Charities, supporting Amart Wagga's initiative. If you would like to contribute, feel free to pop into the College Office and make a donation!



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# CHURCH COMMUNITIES YOU ARE WELCOME!



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

