



THE CHRONICLE

Wagga Wagga Christian College

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"Welcome to Week 2!"

When I said that very sentence to staff yesterday, I had to stop and think "Is it really Week 2? It feels like Week 9!" I don't know what your week is like but we are getting ready for more and more events over the next few days. And I hope you can join us...

"I need your help!"

Do you have some time to ask the Government to not attack Christian schools and what we do? That may seem harsh, but I have copied below a summary of recent federal changes, and attached a request from the Australian Association of Christian Schools (AACS):

Last week the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) released its controversial Consultation Report which goes much further and is much more extreme in its position than we hoped or anticipated. AACS and other faith groups are extremely disappointed by the lack of understanding and respect shown to the unique characteristics of religious educational institutions and the unbalanced nature of the report.

The report contains far reaching proposals to federal anti-discrimination laws which would completely strip away vital protections our schools rely upon to:

- employ only Christian staff who are committed to the beliefs of the school;
- teach a Christian worldview by Christian staff across all subjects;
- maintain a Christian worldview and culture in the school.

If the ALRC's proposals are adopted by the Government, it would represent a bold new incursion on freedom of association and freedom of religion upon faith groups which must be strongly condemned by Christian schools and other faith group leaders.

The National Catholic Education Commission publicly expressed their disappointment in a Media Release.

AACS will be lobbying Government directly to make clear the proposals of the ALRC report are unacceptable and must be rejected.

We ask Christian schools to encourage their school communities respond to the SURVEY which the ALRC has opened for past and current parents, staff and students to share their experiences of religious educational institutions.

In some other news, I have advance notice about the “Meet and Greet” night coming up next week. It’s an informal time to catch up and it has been seen in the past as an important opportunity for all parents and staff. We will also take some time to explain exciting topics such as Work Experience, Tasmania Trip, and Computer use to our Secondary families. You will find more information about the "Meet and Greet" on the next page of the newsletter. Please contact the office if you have any other questions about the night.

Thank you to the families who are carefully driving in the carpark each day. It certainly makes a difference to keeping the children as safe as possible. Please remember if you are turning left onto Koorungal Road as you exit it is important to stay in the lane that runs next to the office. We have seen children run out between cars so please SLOW DOWN in the carpark.

Thank you also to the families who joined us recently for the Welcome to Wagga Wagga Christian College night. We saw a wonderful mixing of new and existing families, and I hope people feel courageous enough to keep introducing yourself to others and looking out for others who are new!

This Friday we are holding our Secondary Swimming Carnival. Would you join with me and pray for a safe day. If you have a spare ten minutes I’m sure your children would love for you to come and cheer them on. Please take some time to also look at the photos and articles celebrating the day when they appear on our social media pages.

Thank you again for being part of our community. I appreciate your involvement.

Phillip Wilson
Principal

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Prayer Points

GIVE THANKS

- For all our new families
- For opportunities to get together
- For the promise of a new year

PRAYER FOR

- Settling of new families, students and staff
- Swimming Carnival this Friday
- School Leaders as they grow into their roles

MEET & GREET

for

Preschool - Year 12

including Kindergarten Info Session at 5:15pm in the Kindergarten classrooms

Thursday 16 February

5:00 - 6:00pm



Drop in to meet key teachers and familiarise yourself with different learning areas.

Meet and Greet is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher or Stage and Subject Coordinator and familiarise yourself with your child's learning environment. Meet Primary teachers in their classrooms while Secondary teachers will be available for a chat in the College forecourt. Parent Teacher interviews for more structured conversations are scheduled for 27 & 28 March.



YEAR 7 DEVICE

Information and distribution

Thursday 16 February

6:15pm - 7:00pm, MPC



An important time for students and parents to hear about the safe use of technology and collect their device.

YEAR 9 & 10

Tasmania Excursion Meeting

Thursday 16 February

5:30pm - 6:00pm, MPC



An important time for students and parents to hear about the upcoming 'Tassie' excursion.



WAGGA WAGGA
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 7 MARCH 2023
4:30 - 7:30PM

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Administration Assistant

Maternity Leave (part-time)
10 month contract

www.wgcc.nsw.edu.au

Closes: COB Fri 17 Feb



*Kindergarten
2024*

*Year 7
2024*

2024 INFO SESSIONS
AT THE COLLEGE
OPEN NIGHT

FIRST ROUND ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR
KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 7 2024 WILL CLOSE
WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 2023

CLICK ON THE QR CODE OR CONTACT THE
COLLEGE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Educating for Life



FINANCE NEWS

2023 Tuition Fees

Welcome to a new school year!

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead with more developments in our teaching and learning facilities and more community events.

The 2023 Tuition Fees have been charged to accounts this week and emailed to all families.

Early payment discounts are available where accounts are paid in full before 23 February. If you intend to pay in full please email Finance so the early payment discount can be applied to your account.

Families on **instalment plans** who need to change their instalments according to the change in tuition fees for 2023. Please contact me as soon as possible to assist with the calculation to change your direct debits as a new form will need to be completed.

Families who have yet to arrange a payment plan should also contact me so that this can be set up. The [2023 Tuition Fee Schedule](#) is available on the website as is the [Direct Debit Form](#).

If you have any queries relating to tuition fees please contact me by email.

Thank you.
Mrs Lynda Koren, Senior Finance Officer
accounts@wwcc.nsw.edu.au



COME JOIN US



COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY, 7PM
MEET IN THE TLA FOYER
OPEN TO ALL COLLEGE PARENTS/CARERS

Discussing:
Fete involvement
Class Parent Representatives
Update - College
events/activities

Contact the Community Team -
community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au



#waggachristiancollegefete2023
#parentpartnership
#jointhecommunitycommittee

Wear Mufti on Friday for Primary School!

Are your shoulders covered?
Are your feet enclosed in sneakers for
safe play?
Please ensure modest and appropriate
clothes for learning and playing.

Friday 10th Feb

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE
SUPERHERO IN HONOR OF NATE LAWSON AND
TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PEDIATRIC WARD AT
THE BASE HOSPITAL

FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

PRIMARY SCHOOL MUFTI DAY

GOLD COIN DONATION
DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE SUPER HERO!
SUPPORTING WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD



FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

SECONDARY SCHOOL

*Support the superhero mufti day with a
gold coin donation*

COLLECTION AT THE SECONDARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL
SUPPORTING WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD



STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUPS

Mini Mart

Lunchtime Thursday 9 February on the Secondary Quad

Open to all Year 7 - 12 students. Discover the leadership groups for 2023, meet the Student Leaders, sign up and be an active part of a group this year.

Student Leadership
Group
2023
AGRICULTURE

Student Leadership
Group
2023
CAFE SERVICE GROUP

Student Leadership
Group
2023
COMMUNITY &
FUNDRAISING

Student Leadership
Group
2023
MUSIC

Student Leadership
Group
2023
STEM

Student Leadership
Group
2023
STUDENT HEALTH
& WELLBEING

Student Leadership
Group
2023
WELCOME TO
WORSHIP

Student Leadership
Group
2023
WORSHIP BAND



UPLIFTED IN SONG

Strong voices singing in unison is always uplifting. At lunchtime yesterday the Primary School Choir met for the first time under the tutelage of Mrs Aimee Owers, one of the College Kindergarten teachers who has a special love for music! There was great enthusiasm and great numbers of students jostling for a spot in KO's classroom as the students practised some familiar songs. We look forward to hearing the progress of the Choir. Maybe you will hear them at the College Open Night on Tuesday 7 March?

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



LET THE MUSIC BEGIN!

There was a lot of music happening around the College this week, with Year 3 to 6 having their first lesson of the year with their Riverina Conservatorium of Music tutors learning string, wind or brass instruments. Once the basic preparation had been completed - does everyone have an instrument and music? - the classes were straight into music making. It was impressive to hear clear notes played in unison. Keep up the good work Stage 2 and 3!

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



2C'S FIRST RECORDER LESSON

A lot of 'firsts' happened last week at the College! Year 2 had their first recorder lesson! This marks the beginning of a journey of instrumental music-making for this year group. Expert Riverina Conservatorium of Music teachers work together with the College Music Department to offer our students a wide range of opportunities to learn to read, play, write, enjoy and share music making. Class 2C started brilliantly learning the basics of recorder playing with great concentration and determination!

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



CLASS OF 2022'S ART EXHIBITION

Last Wednesday was a celebration of an amazing month for the Art students from the Class of 2022. An opportunity to showcase the wonderful talent of our senior students and share their powerful work with the community. Thank you The Curious Rabbit for hosting a month long exhibition of the HSC Artworks from 2022 and thank you to all the parents and friends who supported this special event.





NEW FAMILIES WELCOME DINNER

Last Thursday night the College hosted the New Families Welcome Dinner! We spent the evening welcoming new families whilst having a delicious BBQ meal together. These annual dinners are so important to us as they are a great way to cement our partnership with new families, and for them to start forming relationships and connections with other families within the College. A big thank you to all the parents and students that volunteered their time to help make the night happen!

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



1D AND 5S BUDDIES!

1D and 5S students were excited to meet each other in their first buddies session of the year on Friday! Students played games and answered questions to get to know each other's interests. Building friendships with students across the Primary School is important for our students' sense of belonging. The Year 5 students are particularly looking forward to supporting their Year 1 buddies in the playground. We all look forward to a year of friendship-building through our buddies sessions!

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



Term 1, 2023

Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers.

Term 1 topics:

- **eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you (30 minutes)**
For parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.
- **Setting your child up for success online (30 minutes)**
For parents and carers of young people in primary school.
- **Getting the most out of gaming (45 minutes)**
For parents and carers of young people in primary and early secondary school.
- **Navigating online friendships (30 minutes)**
For parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

For more information and to register now: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars



 eSafety Commissioner

esafety.gov.au

LOVIN' SPORT

SECONDARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Feb 10

Dress in House colours, cheer loudly and participate often this Friday at the Oasis pool for the Secondary Carnival. Parents and friends, we look forward to welcoming your support from the grandstand!

PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Feb 24

Years 2 to 6 will travel to June Pool to participate in the first Primary College Swim Carnival. Volunteers needed to run the BBQ. Please contact Heidi or Bek in community if you would like to know more.

PRESCHOOL, KINDER AND YEAR 1 WATER FUN DAY

Feb 24

Preschool, Kindergarten and Year 1 will have the Primary School playground to themselves for a morning of fun with water. From 9:30 - 11:00am. If you would like to assist please contact Jane Greenlees.



SOFTBALL NATIONALS CAME WITH TOUGH COMPETITION

Luke Anderson, Year 9, had the honour of representing the ACT in the under 16s softball National Championships played in Melbourne in January.

Over 10 games Luke had the opportunity to cross the home plate in nearly every game he played. In addition, he landed some excellent catches in the field. Conditions were at times arduous with extreme heat on some days of competition. Luke also battled injury with damage to his wrist in the first game and a nagging shoulder complaint by Day 3. But he continued to give it his all.

The ACT team officials had nothing but praise for the way Luke performed over the four days. Congratulations Luke and we look forward to hearing what is next in your sporting journey.



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

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Tuesday 7 February 2023

esafety.gov.au

Safer Internet Day is a global event that brings together communities, families, schools and organisations from more than 180 countries to help create safer online spaces.

This important campaign is celebrating its 20 year anniversary in 2023, so it's a good time to reflect on the past two decades, as well as look towards the future.

The world is more connected than ever before, making online safety awareness even more important. That's why the 2023 campaign is encouraging everyone to Connect. Reflect. Protect:

Connect safely and with purpose – by keeping apps and devices secure and using social media in positive ways.

Reflect before we act – by taking a moment to consider how what we do and say online may affect others.

Protect ourselves and others by taking action – by telling family, friends or colleagues about eSafety and how we can help.

By doing these simple things, we can work towards making every day a Safer Internet Day.

Join a Free Parents and Carers Webinar

These live webinars give parents and carers the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe online experiences.

They include a broad range of topics that will be delivered by an expert education and training team from the eSafety commissioner.

[Webinars for parents and carers | eSafety Commissioner](#)



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

Here are some simple ways you can **connect. reflect. protect.**



Connect safely

- **Keep your personal information private** on apps and games
- Only **share passwords with trusted adults**
- **Be kind and caring to others online** like you are in person

Reflect before you act

- **Think of others' feelings** before you post, like or share content
- **Ask someone if it's OK** before you take or share a photo or video of them
- **Be curious and ask questions** about what you read or watch online



Protect yourself and others by taking action

- **Be a supportive friend** if you see someone who needs help online
- **Ask a trusted adult for help** if something doesn't feel right.

Find more tips at
esafety.gov.au

upcoming sessions



headspace is offering free mental health education webinars in Term 1, 2023 for Parents and Carers in the **Murrumbidgee**. Follow the links to register.



Connecting and communicating with my young person

Date: 7 February 2023

Time: 12:00 - 1:15pm AEDT

Location: Online webinar

Registration: bit.ly/3W7SvqU

This session aims to:

- Strengthen knowledge and understanding of the mental health challenges facing young people today
- Increase awareness of your young person's emotions, thoughts, feelings, and behaviours
- Identify opportunities for connection with your young person and enhance your conversational approach
- Introduce skills and strategies to encourage and support help-seeking



Navigating uncertainty and change

Date: 7 March 2023

Time: 6:00 - 7:15pm AEDT

Location: Online webinar

Registration: bit.ly/3w6GlnC

This session aims to:

- Strengthen understanding of how young people can be affected by change and uncertainty
- Build skills and strategies to support young people who are navigating change
- Identify signs that young people may need additional support
- Build awareness of local, state, and national supports available to young people



For more information: Contact us at programsupport@headspace.org.au

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ANGER MANAGEMENT

Offering you greater awareness and understanding of how your brain works, what lies beneath your anger, and how grief and loss impact anger. This course is especially suitable for separated parents who have been court-ordered or legally recommended.

PARENT TRAINING IN BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

Parents will learn the basics of behaviour management and how to apply these skills effectively and consistently to increase parenting and carer confidence in managing challenging behaviours.

KEEPING KIDS CALM

This program helps parents/carers to understand their children's emotions and behaviour and offers strategies on how to help their child be calm and better manage challenging behaviours.

KEEPING KIDS IN MIND

This course is for parents who have separated and are having a difficult time managing conflict between each other. It also aims to help parents support their children through their experience of separation.

1-2-3 MAGIC AND EMOTION COACHING

An education course for parents/carers about how to manage difficult behaviour in children aged 2-12 years old.

ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS

This course teaches parents and carers strategies for how to have challenging conversations with their teenagers about their behaviour.

PARENTING CHILDREN WITH ADHD

The goal of this course is to inform and empower parents/carers to work together with their child to cope with the challenges of ADHD. This course provides practical, workable strategies that will make a difference in the lives of all family members.

TRIPLE P PROGRAM

Can help you with a specific problem, or provide tips on parenting and help with understanding your child's development and behaviour.

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SUPPORT FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

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TERM 1 TIMETABLE 2023

PROGRAMS	WHERE	WHEN	TIME	FEES	FACILITATOR	ABOUT
Anger Management	Online via Microsoft Teams	Tuesday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th February and 7th March Registrations close: Wednesday 24th January	6:00pm - 8:00pm	S \$100 C \$60	Yun and Tammy	This program helps support people to understand and cope with their feelings of anger.
Keeping Kids in Mind	Online via Microsoft Teams	Thursday 16th, 23rd February and 2nd, 9th, 16th March Registrations close Thursday 2nd February	6:00pm - 8:00pm	S \$100 C \$60	Viv	This program is for separated parents who are experiencing ongoing conflict.
1,2,3 Magic and Emotion Coaching	Online via Microsoft Teams	Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th, March Registrations close: Wednesday 15th February	11:00am - 1:00pm	S \$80 C \$50	Kate and Stina	A program for parents/carers about resolving difficult behaviour in children aged 2-12 years old, incorporating children with special needs.
Understanding the Impacts of Trauma on a Child's Development	Online via Microsoft Teams	Tuesday 7th, 14th, 21st March Registrations close: Tuesday 28th February	11:00am - 1:00pm	FREE	Greta	Helping children who have experienced trauma.
Parenting Children with ADHD	Online via Microsoft Teams	Monday 13th, 20th, 27th March Registrations close: 27th February	6:00pm - 8:00pm	S \$60 C \$40	Maree and Tammy	Parenting Children with ADHD program has been designed to give parents and carers an understanding of what ADHD is, its nature and how it impacts on the child and his/her family.
Engaging Adolescents	Online via Microsoft Teams	Tuesday 14th, 21st, 28th March Registrations close: Tuesday 28th February	6:00pm - 8:00pm	S \$60 C \$40	Keryn and Nicola	An education course for parents/carers about resolving difficult behaviour in teenagers.

Book today

S = Standard C = Concession Prices

Call 1300 619 379 or email
info@centacaresw.nsw.org.au

Henwood Park Football Club



**Registrations OPEN
1st February**

**All ages
under 5's - under 16's
Girls and Boys
Active Kids Voucher**

www.hpfc.org.au/register/

**Contact Robyn via
registrar@hpfc.org.au**



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2023

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**A one-stop-shop for everything you need to
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Here's what you'll find on the website:

- Interactive lunch box builder that helps parents and kids plan and pack a healthy lunch with foods they like.
- Lots of quick and easy recipes and snack ideas.
- Informative blogs about healthy eating for the family.
- Sign up to receive the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter for ideas, updates and recipes.

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

STAGE 1 TRANSITION COMP CRICKET WAGGA WAGGA



STARTING WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY THE 22ND
5:30PM-6:30PM AT ROBERTSON OVAL
OPEN TO ALL AGED 7-10
PRICE - \$50

The program will run for 5 weeks and include a cricket blast prize pack for all involved.

Find your local club using QR code:



Contact : angus.rowan@cricketnsw.com.au



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RIDING FOR DISABLED WAGGA

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WAGGA

HOEDOWN SHOWDOWN

Saturday 11 February 6pm
Riding for the Disabled Centre
Cnr Gregadoo and Plumpton Roads



Live music with
Harry Mangelsdorf & Aaron Oldaker
Bar facilities
BBQ with steak sangers/sausage sizzle
Demonstrations
Huge prize pool
Competitions
Cowboy/Cowgirl competition
Watermelon eating contest
Good outdoor family fun

Get your tickets
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