

2023

WEEK 6A, TERM 4



THE CHRONICLE

Wagga Wagga Christian College

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear WWCC Community,

We hope you've been enjoying the newsletter and the Facebook feed of fabulous photos from this term's events so far. Year 5-8 students had a great time at Defence Forces Day on Friday. The whole campus seemed to echo with, 'Left, left, left, right, left' for a few hours, as each group had their turn at marching, in a rotation of fun (slightly exhausting) activities.

The day started with the Australian Army Band Kapooka joining College students for our Remembrance Day service. Their presence, and contribution of music for the National Anthem and the Last Post, was a beautiful gift to students, and we are very grateful for their willingness to be here. On Saturday morning, our 2024 College Captains represented the College by taking part in the wreath-laying ceremony in Wagga Wagga. To all of the College staff and parents who have served or are currently serving in Australia's Armed Forces, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your service.

Last week, I sent an email asking parents to please take care with drop offs and pickups in the carpark. It's come to our attention that some students were being collected from the bus bay island, with cars then trying to pull out of the line and back into traffic, resulting in some near misses. We understand the frustration of waiting in



the afternoon traffic, but please help us keep students safe by using the drop off and pickup zones as labelled. If you wish to avoid the worst of the traffic, it is usually much less congested by 3:20pm.

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Kind regards,
Mrs Rachel McClure
Acting Principal

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MRS RACHEL MCCLURE
ACTING PRINCIPAL

Prayer Points

GIVE THANKS

- For growing opportunities to explore God's world
- For the God given abilities gifted to each child

PRAYER FOR

- Those suffering loss and bereavement
- Wisdom and guidance for College leadership
- Preparation of up coming community events



TWILIGHT CAROLS AT THE COLLEGE Dinner!

+ STEAK, SAUSAGES AND COLD DRINKS
AT THE COLLEGE BBQ



GLUTEN FREE & VEGAN FRIENDLY

Melting Madness

NACHOS

10 Hour Slow Cooked Beef Brisket
Comes with TrailerMade Tortilla Chips,
Guacamole, Sour Cream, Corn Salsa & Cheese
Sauce **\$20**

LOADED CHIPS

Beef Brisket Loaded Chips with Shredded
Cheese, BBQ & Cheese Sauce **\$18**

MADNESS SMASH BURGER

Smashed Pattie, Double Cheese, Onion,
Tortilla chips, Jalapenos & American
Cheese Sauce **\$16**

SCHNITZEL BURGER

Chicken Schnitzel with Lettuce,
Tomato, Aioli & Cheddar Cheese **\$16**

KIDS

Chicken Nuggets and Chips **\$10**
Hot Dog With your choice of Sauce **\$10**





KINDY PLAY DAY #2

Kindergarten 2024 enjoyed a delightful morning last week at their second Play Day, preparing them for big school in the new year. Meeting new and old friends, testing their skills on the Primary playground and spending time in the Kindergarten classrooms and with their teachers Mrs Joiner and Mrs Goding, the students settled so beautifully. Thank you to the Secondary student-run White Dove Cafe who supplied parents with a warm drink to start the morning. It was a lovely opportunity to sit in the shade of the playground and get to know families who will be part of these children's school journey. One more play day on Wednesday 22 November! See you then!

[SEE THE PHOTOS . . .](#)



DEFENCE FORCE DAY

Left, right, left right left - this call was echoing through the College last Friday as Years 5 to 8 participated in Defence Force Day. With each year group representing a different service, the student years were in competition with each other to win points and ultimately win the prized canteen at the end of the day. "It was a great day where the importance of our Defence community not only in the College but in Wagga and in the wider community was recognised," explained Mrs Bek Grant, Defence School Mentor. "Defence families are a large part of our College community and for their children today is a significant day of the year." Congratulations to Year 6 for scraping through to win the day by just 10 points ahead of second-placed Year 7 and Year 8 (nothing separated them!).

[SEE THE PHOTOS . . .](#)



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Remembrance Day - a day synonymous with sacrifice. The College gathered together on Friday morning to remember and honour those who have served our country with their lives and those who have supported them in this service. As Bella Grant, Year 5 student, read at the service "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." As Jesus spoke to his disciples he called them his friends as he shared all he had with them. We are so thankful for the men and women, past and present, who have shared all they had with us - their courage and compassion as they fought for and continue to protect our country. May God continue to guide and bless our nation as we trust in Him.



YEAR 7 ANCIENT EGYPT MUSEUM

Who dun it?! Year 7 put on their detective hats as they investigated the death of King Tutankhamun in their HSIE lessons this term. "For many reasons Year 7 have come to the conclusion that Tutankhamun was murdered at age 19, maybe by his advisor who claimed the throne on Tutankhamun's death or maybe the advisor was in league with his general," Miss Kimberley Scriven, HSIE Teacher explained. The King of Ancient Egypt's tomb was of great interest to the students and Year 7 students hosted a museum which showcased hand-crafted reproductions of relics from that time period. Students had researched and made items such as papyrus paper, pyramids, canopic jars (including body organs), daggers and the favourite board game of 1400 BC.

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



PRESCHOOL BEE VISIT

This term, Preschool's Wombats have been learning about where our food comes from and the different plants and animals that God created to be involved in the production process. Bees play a crucial role in our ecosystem, prompting Preschool to investigate their vital task of gathering nectar from flowers and transforming it into honey. Additionally, the research explores their role in pollinating other flowers, contributing to the growth of plants. Students learnt about the sections of a hive and the different roles bees have within their hive. Mrs Deighton and her Year 9/10 Child Studies class brought in a beehive to help the children understand bees and hives and spoke about how they make honey. Preschool found it amazing to see real bees at work and even found the queen bee!

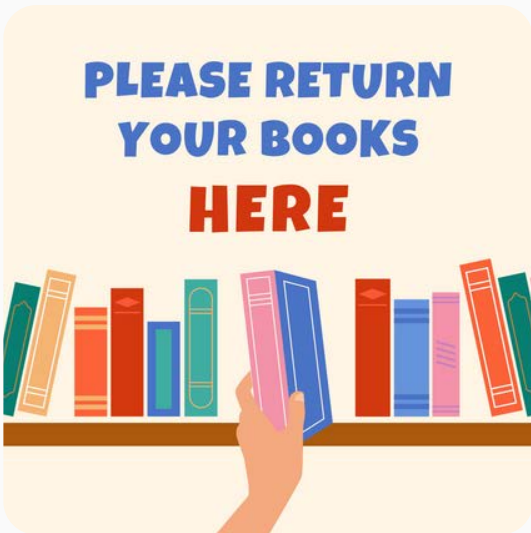
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CHESS TOURNAMENT UPDATE

There was an excited buzz in the air as 43 Primary School students participated in Round 1 of the inaugural Primary School Chess Tournament last Thursday! Students in Years 2-6 competed against peers in their year group, appreciating the opportunity to play against new opponents. They enjoyed friendly competition, all demonstrating good sportsmanship and showing encouragement to others. We thank Year 6 students Katherine Hyde, Madelyn Stewart, Gemma Harris, Rachael Brown and Elaina Betteridge for their help to facilitate the tournament. We look forward to another great day of competition this Thursday for Round 2 in the 5S classroom!

[SEE THE PHOTOS . . .](#)



LAST WEEK FOR BORROWING

As a sign that this term is slipping away this week, Week 6, is the last week for borrowing from the College Library for 2023!

Are you able to scout around home, looking under beds, beside lounge cushions and in book shelves for any outstanding library books so they can be returned for stock take in the coming weeks.

We thank librarians Mrs Ali Owers and Mrs Kate Scriven for their care of the Library space. Can we encourage you, in your visits to the College, to pop up to the Library? It is such a delightful space, with regularly changing artwork and book displays, student work and student led publications such as Primary Press and comic books. A place of inspiration and respite on a busy campus.

TAKE A QUICK SURVEY FOR YEAR 12

Class of 2024 Year 12 students are completing their Independent Research Project for the Community and Family studies course (CAFS). The project is addressing the question:

'Does taking a gap year positively affect a student's emotional wellbeing while at University?'

The students would very much appreciate it if you could forward or share the [link](#) to the questionnaire with anyone you may know who is currently studying, or has recently finished studying University. It doesn't matter whether they have completed a gap year or not as they need both people who have taken a gap year and people who didn't take a gap year to complete the questionnaire.

We thank you for taking the time to help Year 12 with their research project.



LOVIN' SPORT



PRIMARY SCHOOL TAKE ON BASKETBALL

Our school brought the hype to the first-ever Primary Gala day in Wagga for basketball! 87 students, 6 teams and non-stop action from Years 3 to 6. Our teams were amazing in the 3 vs 3 comp, with 3 grand final wins from a Year 4 girls team, a Year 3 boys team and a Year 3 girls team. Many of our other teams made the Semi-finals as well! It was a great day of success and sportsmanship throughout - our students played with grace and kindness. Smiles all around as they showcased teamwork and had a blast on the court. So proud of our amazing players!

[SEE THE PHOTOS . . .](#)



ACT TEAM REPRESENTATION

Congratulations to Luke Anderson in Year 9 for his selection in the U16 Boys National Championship draft for Softball ACT. For the second consecutive year Luke will participate in this National level Championship scheduled for January 2024. We wish him all the best and look forward to hearing news from the competition in the new year.

College Counsellor

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Screen Time Vs Green Time

My grandmother had a sign in her house that read “Habit if not resisted, soon becomes necessity”.

There was a picture of a piano below it which I could never make sense of. I always thought the words were meant as a solemn warning – if you keep doing bad habits, they will become vices, things we can't resist doing.

How many of our children can't resist screen time? Is this a habit, or necessity? What's the big deal?

1. Screens are fun
2. It's rewarding
3. Screen time is an escape
4. It creates a feeling of social inclusion
5. I need something to do!

When we're talking about behaviour change, the key is that rarely can we just 'stop' a behaviour. This behaviour served a purpose for us, so stopping it leaves a gap, and if we just rely on willpower alone, we will almost always fail. Another huge one is modelling the behaviour we want to see – I know if I've been on my phone for hours, asking the kids to get off a device is taken with zero credibility! And the approach of deciding to ban screens forever will only create conflict.

Dr Justin Coulson offers some practical ideas to have these conversations with your children:

- Agree ahead of time how long is suitable for games and other media
- Agree ahead of time what time devices will go off at night
- Agree ahead of time on a strategy for getting them to switch off when asked. An oven timer works well
- Agree ahead of time to keep devices out of bedrooms and in public areas to the extent that is reasonable and possible
- Agree ahead of time a 15 minute warning
- Agree ahead of time that your child must acknowledge and respond to those warnings
- Agree ahead of time what the consequences for refusal to get off screens will be
- Agree ahead of time that schoolwork and other responsibilities will be completed ahead of screen time for fun
- Agree ahead of time that it is ok to talk to parents when something seen or received online is distressing or dangerous.

Green Time

These ideas will help manage conversations about screen time. However, the key to behaviour change becomes replacing the behaviour with something else. Screen time can be fun and has its place, but to raise resilient children, **Green Time** should be the focus. For parents, this usually means providing something else for their kids to do – which sometimes means more work and effort to engage with our children.

School holidays provide a wonderful opportunity to put some of these tips into practice. But I think the piano on my grandmother's sign was there to serve as a message of hope. Instead of a warning against bad behaviors, imagine if Screen Time was replaced with Green Time, and in the practice of playing outside every day, the habit, soon becomes more than that – a necessity.

References:

Coulson, J. (2017). 9 Ways to a resilient child. Sydney: Harper Collins

**To get in touch with the
College Counsellor**

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MEAT TASTING FUNDRAISER



Support the Secondary STEM
teams trip to the Nationals

Monday 27 November

5:30 - 6:30pm

WWCC MPC

401 Koorinal Road, Koorinal

Reserve your spot, ask a friend, bring your spouse
to participate you need to be 18 and over.

RSVP by Wednesday 22 November

community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au



Primary School Chess Tournament

For students in Years 2-6

WIN A CHESS SET!

THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES FROM WEEK 5 IN 5S
HOSTED BY THE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

PLEASE JOIN US

24
Nov

2:15PM
MPC

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

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. I

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.



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.

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.

Parents of High School Girls



We want their opinions!

Help us create a new wellbeing program to support teenage girls.



Register & provide consent for your daughter to complete a 10-minute online survey about:

- ✓ Wellbeing
- ✓ Sport & physical activity
- ✓ Communication & connection with family
- ✓ Their experiences of being a young adult

A chance to win one of:
6 x \$50 gift vouchers

*applies to high school aged girls completing the survey



Scan me!

https://redcap.link/DDteens_teens_survey

The project has been approved by the University of Newcastle Human Research Ethics Committee. Approval No. H-2023-0023.

DADS of high school aged girls, WE NEED YOU!



Have your say in developing a program that aims to **enhance** the father-daughter **connection** and wellbeing of your teenage daughter.

Complete a 10 minute online survey

A chance to win one of 6 x \$50 gift vouchers



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LOWES

3 DAY VIP EVENT

20% OFF EVERYTHING*



NOVEMBER 15TH 16TH & 17TH



INSTORE & ONLINE

*T&C's apply, no rainchecks, savings off original prices.

Year 4 Family Catch Up

Saturday

CANCELLED

(with a 15min break)
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



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



WAGGAWAGGA
EVANGELICAL CHURCH



South Wagga Anglican Church



Wagga Church of Christ
Growing together in Christ to impact our world

