



THE CHRONICLE

Wagga Wagga Christian College

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear WWCC Community,

We have reached the halfway point in Term 4 - it's both exciting and somewhat daunting that Christmas is less than seven weeks away! We hope you will join us for College Christmas Carols next Thursday, November 16, as we begin this year's celebration of the birth of Jesus.

This week, we have our second Play Day for next year's Kindergarten students - it was lovely to meet them and their parents in Week 3. We also have the Year 7 Ancient Egyptian Museum visit on Wednesday. The Year 5-8 students have some special activities on Friday for Defence Force Day. On Friday, we will also be holding our Remembrance Day Service, ahead of the official commemorations on Saturday.

College students have been recognised for their hard work this week. Dozens of students received certificates for their excellent results in the ICAS academic competitions, and we learned that three STEM teams have gone through to the National F1 and Subs in Schools competition, to be held in Adelaide early next year. It is a huge accomplishment, and we wish them all the best as they continue through the competition. Two students, Tahlia and Rebekah, have received awards in the Dramatic Minds competition, and we congratulate them on their excellent submissions. And Amos won a national writing award. His



short story has been published in a book of the award winners and will be in the College Library. It is fantastic to see our students pursuing excellence in such a wide range of endeavours and areas of interest!

Please keep your eye on the calendar this term - Christmas Carols, graduations, presentations, and the opening of the K-Block building are still to come, and we would love to see you there.

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
- For rest after exams

PRAYER FOR

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



HSC COMES TO A CLOSE

It was with a big sigh of relief that Year 12 Food Tech students completed their final HSC exam last Friday. The culmination of partnership between students, families and teachers, the HSC exams and assessment tasks are just one way students establish a pathway for future study, work or an apprenticeship. We are very proud of the efforts of Class of 2023 and look forward to continuing to maintain connection as they embark on many new experiences.

The Daily Advertiser caught the mood at the end of the final exam. Follow the link to find out more. . . .

[LINK TO DA STORY](#)

NATIONAL STEM FINALS X 3

A massive congratulations to Neo, the F1 in Schools team, Trident, the Development Class SUBS in Schools team and Orca, the Professional Class SUBS in Schools team - each of these Secondary STEM teams have been offered a place at the Nationals of the REA Foundation competitions based on their performance at the State Competition in October. A massive achievement for the Secondary students involved - the Neo Team won first place at States, Team Orca was awarded second place, while Orca, in their first year of competition won Best Team Marketing, Best Team Trade Display, Innovation Award and Best Graphic Design. We look forward to watching their progress as they head towards competition in early 2024.

[DAILY ADVERTISER CAUGHT UP WITH THE TEAMS](#)



Photo by Ash Smith
Daily Advertiser



TAFE NSW YES PROGRAM

The College is excited to partner with TAFE NSW as several of our Secondary students participate in the YES (Youth Engagement Strategy) Program! Over the next five weeks, ten of our Year 10 and 11 students are participating in TAFE courses one day per week. This program includes courses such as Nursing, Aged Care and Allied Health, Hair and Beauty, Building and Construction, Making Visual Art and many more. This provides a great opportunity for students to maximise their career pathways by learning from industry experts, in first-class facilities replicating industry workplaces.

[SEE MORE IMAGES HERE . . .](#)



ICAS AWARDS

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) across six subject areas: Mathematics, English, Spelling, Digital Technologies, Writing and Science. With large numbers of students participating the results were outstanding.

Spelling Bee

Distinction

Rafael Cawthorne

Credit

Ryley Clothier
Rufaro Kunesu
Anneliese Azer
Katherine Hyde
Evelyn McLean

Mathematics

Distinction

Samuel Biggs
Louis Bergmeier
Ruichen Jin

Credit

Abigail Biggs
Ryley Clothier
William Hildebrand
Max Gilmour
Mackenzie Wilcox
Claire Wilson
Manraj Khala

Science

Distinction

Samuel Biggs

Credit

Abigail Biggs
Adriel Chendooran
William Hildebrand
Jadon Tha Nya
Peng Yu
Louis Bergmeier
Claire Wilson

Digital Technologies

Distinction

William Hildebrand
Samuel Biggs
Peng Yu

Credit

Claire Wilson
Katherine Hyde

Writing

Distinction

Thabo Kunesu

Credit

Layla Ashby

English

Distinction

Adriel Chendooran
Samuel Biggs
Amos McLean

Credit

Abigail Biggs
Layla Ashby
Peng Yu
Claire Wilson

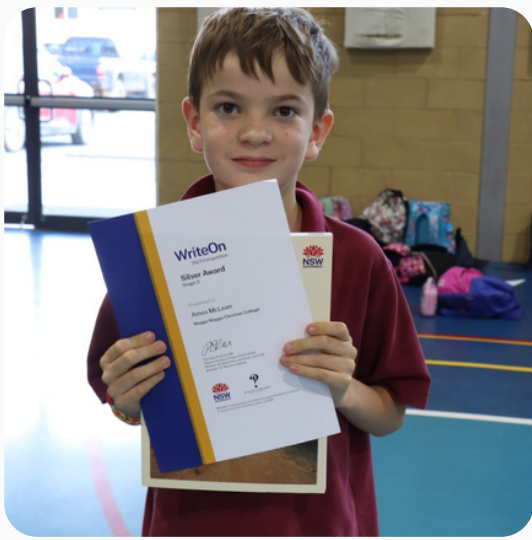
ICAS
assessments



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

On Friday Primary School held a special assembly to congratulate all the students who have been working hard in class and showing care for others. Many Head of Primary School Awards were given out - we made it halfway around the MPC with students! Many students also received Principal Awards and are looking forward to Pizza with Mrs McClure. Amos McLean was also congratulated for receiving the Silver award for his WriteOn Competition entry called "Refugees". In Primary we love to celebrate our students for the many gifts God has given them. Keep working hard Primary!

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



SILVER WRITING EFFORT

Massive congratulations to Amos in Year 4, for being awarded the Silver Award in the WriteOn 2023 competition, an annual writing competition organised by NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority) and open to all Primary School students. Amos drew on his learning of the 15th and 16th century world explorers as he composed his work. Amos' writing piece is being published in 'The Best of WriteOn' anthology which you will be able to find in the College Library. If you can't wait that long check out the story through the link below.

[READ THE AWARD WINNING STORY . . .](#)



COLLEGE CHRISTMAS APPEAL - CAREVAN

Carevan is an institution in Wagga Wagga. Serving over 2000 meals every month to those in need of a helping hand in our local community, Carevan is a charity run by over 80 volunteers who cook and distribute meals through a variety of channels throughout Wagga Wagga.

Lynne Graham, the current head of this organisation built on care, has a strong connection with the College having been a mum, a teacher and a Board member since the inception of the school. But it has been 17 years since her work here finished and Lynne has gone on to share Christ's love throughout our community.

At the Staff devotion time this morning Lynne and Wendy (leader in waiting, Lynne is due to step down from her role at the end of 2023) visited and shared a little of the story of Carevan and the College, "This College works towards bringing out the best in people," shared Lynne.

It was wonderful for these two ladies to share their precious time with our staff this morning and as the College community support Carevan in the College Christmas Appeal we look forward to being able to deliver a generous donation to Carevan at the end of the term.

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.

WAGGA WAGGA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
FORWARD IN FAITH

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It's easier to care, than to turn away...

www.carevanwagga.com

DRAMATIC MINDS FESTIVAL

Last Thursday, 2nd November, the annual Dramatic Minds festival took place, and Wagga Wagga Christian College submitted nine entries across a range of medium including artwork, sketches, digital photography and a video game based on the stages of grief. This year the festival was streamed online, and you can view the entire event here: [Dramatic Minds Festival 2023](#).

The Murrumbidgee Dramatic Minds Festival is an annual performance of creative expressions of students from schools from across the Murrumbidgee Local Health District. Students are able to present their ideas through drama, film, dance, art and music. The Dramatic Minds Festival aims to increase the knowledge of students and change their attitudes in relation to mental health issues.

All of the students are to be commended for the creativity displayed in their entries.

Student	Year	Category
Emily G	11	Photography
Rose I	11	Photography
Isabelle W	10	Photography
Andrew W	12	Videogame
Tully C	8	Photography
Rebekah H	11	Photography
Justin G	11	Drawing
Charlee S	7	Painting
Tahlia S	10	Painting

A special congratulations to Rebekah Hector who won first place in the digital photography category and Tahlia Scadden who won first place for her artwork.



SETTING THE TONE

How does music make you feel or have you ever thought about how music can impact the tone of your day? Primary School had the opportunity last Friday, with much laughter and frivolity, to consider how evocative music can be - is what you are listening to stress invoking or distracting? Musica Viva's Timmy and the Breakfast Band used pantomime and acrobatics accompanied by the harmonica, cello, banjo and at times, the saw(!), to explore how a nine year old boy's morning and feelings can be reflected in the music the students were listening to. The students were in stitches as Timmy put his pants on backwards, had strange dreams and juggled while eating breakfast!!

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



Tahlia Scadden - Year 10

Title: Anxiety

Description: This recent painting I created is a representation of an anxiety attack. The feeling of not being able to breathe, move or think. Feeling suffocated while trying to gasp for breath. This image is based off my own personal struggle with anxiety, but I hope that others that relate to this can connect with the artwork like I have.



Rebekah Hector - Yr 11

Title: The Other Side

Description: This photograph visually represents the mental struggle hidden behind closed doors. Society expects friendly, sociable people and the front that people must put up to uphold these standards are expressed in the photo through a "two sides of the same coin" concept. The other struggling side is still there, just as real and prevalent as it would be at home, but the unexpected behaviour forces individuals to isolate and causes a vicious cycle that intensifies and worsens mental health.

College Counsellor

• EMPOWERMENT • WELLBEING • AFFIRMATION



Self-esteem and Social Media

The following is an excerpt from reachout.com. For the full article click here: [Self-esteem and social media - ReachOut Parents](#)

Teenagers place a lot of value in the feedback they receive on social media. Likes, comments, and followers can make or break their mood or self-esteem. You can support your teenager by helping them to gain perspective and understand the relevance and importance of how people present themselves online.

Why is social media so important to teenagers?

- Self-expression.
- Social media is a mechanism for staying in touch with friends.
- It provides them with social validation.

Help them have positive online experiences

Unsurprisingly, social media and self-esteem have a strong relationship. As a parent, there are lots of things you can do to help your child understand that social media follower count, likes, and interactions are not a measure of their actual worth.

- Remind your teenager that self-worth will never be measured by numbers on social media. Instead, get them to think about and focus on the positive friendships and relationships that they have.
- Discuss how social media is not a competition. Just because a person has more likes on their post does not mean their contribution is better or more interesting.
- Talk about how little is being represented on social media. An Instagram post is only one tiny (filtered) moment from a person's day. It does not depict the full story.
- Show them how to filter out particular content. If you know there is a person or theme that your child feels particularly upset or threatened by on social media, suggest they un-follow or hide posts from this person. This can be a good way to protect your child from comparing themselves to others while you talk to them about building a healthy relationship with themselves.

What to do if you're worried

- Encourage face to face interaction to nurture meaningful friendships and relationships. Don't limit this to peers; include family, your own friends, and other people who can have a positive impact on your child.
- Suggest positive role models for them to follow. Find some examples of people sharing content that is helpful and positive, and encourage your child to have more of this in their newsfeed.
- Give them activities to do that don't involve screens simply telling them to get off their phone or computer doesn't engage your child in a positive activity, it just removes the online world. Instead, develop a plan for activities (such as sport, movies, taking short courses, or outdoor adventures) that they can engage with instead.
- Get them to talk to someone. If you are really worried that their self esteem is being impacted negatively, talk to a teacher or GP. If body image is a big issue, The Butterfly Foundation offer free counseling.

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

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

How to report cyberbullying material

| 1

Report
the cyberbullying
material to the
social media service



| 2

Collect evidence
copy URLs or take
screenshots of the material



If the content is not removed within 48 hours apply steps 3 and 4

| 3

Report it
esafety.gov.au/report



| 4

Block
the person and
talk to someone
you trust



If you are in immediate danger, **call 000** (triple zero)

If you need to talk to someone, visit kidshelpline.com.au or call them on
1800 55 1800, 24 hours a day 7 days a week

You are invited to WWC
Remembrance Day Service

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 2023
WAGGA WAGGA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
9:05 AM - 9:25 AM
SECONDARY BASKETBALL COURT

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 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



3X3 BASKETBALL LUNCH TIME TOURNAMENT



EVERYONE'S GAME
IT'S FUN & FREE
LUNCH TIME MIXED COMP
14-17 NOVEMBER @MPC

Gather your friends, make a team and
nominate today!

Teams can be created of boys and girls
in the following grade combinations:

Grades 7&8

Grades 9&10

grades 11&12

Program Partner:



DSM & Basketball NSW partnership

Prizes to be won!

Sign up!

There are spreadsheets placed around
the Secondary Basketball quad.



Basketball Lunch Time 3x3 Competition

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

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.

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.

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-2023-0123.

LIVE MUSIC

RIVERINA COMMUNITY STRINGS



FEATURING 2023 VIOLA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Lexi Lamb

THURSDAY
09
NOVEMBER
7:30PM
R1 ROOM,
RCM

ENTRY BY DONATION: DONATIONS TO THE TAMARIS PFEIFFER MEMORIAL VIOLA SCHOLARSHIP



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



Scan me!

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CHURCH COMMUNITIES YOU ARE WELCOME!



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

