

Wagga Wagga Christian College

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear WWCC Community,

It's been quite a week of activity at the College. The Year 6 Netball team competed in the Jackie Murphy Netball Carnival last week, and they came back with a first-place trophy. The Cattle Team was also out on the weekend. winning ribbons at the Wagga Wagga Show, and preparing for the Melbourne Show later this month. The Open Girls Basketball team made it to the semi-finals in the CSSA State Championships in Sydney, and Max G in Year 4 won the National Year 4 level of the 'How Cool is Your School?' National Mapping Competition. We also welcomed Year 5 back from their Ballarat camp on Friday afternoon. By all accounts, they had a wonderful time, and their teachers were impressed with their behaviour and attitude on the trip. Well done to one and all on your achievements this past week!

We have hit the 'home stretch' of Term 3, and these last two weeks are also busy ones. This week, we have Parent Teacher interviews, and we look forward to seeing many of you there. Thank you for taking the time to come in and discuss your child's progress this year. Our F1 in Schools team will be in Sydney in the later half of the week at their Regional Competition. We wish them all the best as they aim to go to Nationals again this year.





We also have a "Well-being Wednesday PJ Day" this week. Next week, Year 6, Year 2 and Year 3 have their camps, while Year 11 has exams, and the Cattle Team is off to the Melbourne Show.

On Friday 22nd September, students and staff will have an assembly to celebrate our Year 12's on their last day of school before HSC exams next term. Students and staff are creating study packs for our Year 12 students, and Year 12 parents are welcome to join us for the assembly, as well as for some games on the oval in the afternoon. This information has already been sent to Year 12 parents, so please be in contact with the office if you have not received it.

In the next week, the position of Principal of Wagga Wagga Christian College will be advertised. In the lead-up to that, staff and Company members will receive information about the Strategic Plan, which will help to guide the recruitment process. Next week, a summary of the Strategic Plan will be included in the Chronicle for all community members. There will be more work to be done to detail the plan and add graphics, but because of the relationship between the Strategic Plan and the recruitment process, we want you to have the summary before the end of Term. It will include information about the five pillars of the plan, four priority areas, and the process that was undertaken to get to this point.

Finally, some encouragement for this week. I was asked to speak at Tuesday's Year 12 assembly this week, and they asked me to speak on faith, from Hebrews 11. It's a favourite chapter of mine. Each story it references from the Old Testament is a story of someone's faith, but more than that, they are all stories of God's faithfulness. It's a reminder to me that it's not the strength of my faith that counts; what counts is the strength of God, in whom I have put my faith. Hebrews 10: 23 puts it best: we can 'hold unswervingly to the hope we possess, for he who promised is faithful'.

Kind regards, Rachel McClure **Acting Principal**  "It's a reminder to me that it's not the strength of my faith that counts; what counts is the strength of God, in whom I have put my faith."

MRS RACHEL MCCLURE ACTING PRINCIPAL

### Prayer Points

### **GIVE THANKS**

- Performance opportunities
- Safety while travelling
- Staff who love the Lord
- Connections between staff and parents

### PRAYER FOR

- Good health for our families
- Year 12 as they move through their last week at school
- Primary School excursions
- The outworking of the College Strategic Plan



## NATIONAL MAPPING COMPETITION WINNER

National Award Congratulations!!

Earlier this year, Mrs Alcorn's technology classes entered a national mapping competition, 'How Cool is Your School?'. In this mapping competition, students use satellite data to map the amount of green shade on their school grounds. Students calculated the percentage of shade and created a map that met cartographic (mapping) conventions using software such as GeoNadir and Powerpoint, and the competition this year was tense.

A big congratulations to Max Gilmour, Year 4, who won the National Year 4 Level, earning himself his very own drone! Well done Max!



### YEAR 1 VISITS ERIN EARTH

Year 1 visited Erin Earth last Tuesday and they had a fantastic time learning about animal habitats and how to care for Wiradjuri land. The children were fascinated by the hollows they discovered on their nature walk and expressed wonder and excitement as they explored the gardens. They discovered frog eggs, frogs and tadpoles in the pond with their magnifying glasses. A highlight of the trip was discovering a native bee hotel. We're thankful that God provides us with land and animals to look after and care for!

SEE THE PHOTOS. . .



### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS DAY

Last Wednesday was Early Childhood Educators Day, and we wanted to show some appreciation for our incredible Preschool staff who nurture young minds, ignite curiosity, and shape the future generation with love and dedication. Happy Early Childhood Educators Day to these heroes! Thank you for all of the hard work you do.









### WAGGA EISTEDDFOD - SECONDARY

Our Senior Band and the Flute Ensemble represented the College with excellence as they competed in the Wagga Wagga Eisteddfod last Thursday.

Senior Band performed a 'Frozen Medley' and 'Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest Medley' to a very high standard in the Orchestral section. The adjudicator remarked on the disciplined and well-rehearsed nature of the performance and even commented "Excellent performance, bravo!" but as we were the only competitors in the section, the Senior Band was awarded a Highly Commended placement.

In the High School Ensemble Section the Flute Ensemble performed 'I see the Light' from Tangled, and 'Consider Yourself' from Oliver. The adjudicator commented on their beautiful legato playing and awarded them a Highly Commended.

The Senior Band treated the audience to a 'Mamma Mia Medley' and a very fast-paced version of 'Funky Town'. The comments from the adjudicator complimented the "majestic ending" in 'Mamma Mia' and said that 'Funky Town' "Disco'd along with driving force" and gave the band a Highly Commended.

The students had a great day and felt proud knowing that they had presented the pieces at such an advanced level.

### WAGGA EISTEDDFOD - PRIMARY

On Friday the Primary Choir competed in the Wagga Wagga Eisteddfod at the Civic Theatre. The Choir performed two songs and received a Highly Commended for their efforts. We congratulate this group of amazing students for their dedication and commitment and a huge thank you for Ms Stephanie Johnston from the Riverina Conservatorium of Music for her wonderful guidance of the group. Thanks also to Mrs Fraser, Mrs Bowen and Mrs Owers for their support of the Choir.

### Account by Amos McClean, Year 4

"And next is... Wagga Wagga Christian College!" the announcer's voice rang throughout the hall. The Primary Choir of Wagga Wagga Christian College shuffled nervously to their feet and dragged themselves up to the stage.

I was part of the Primary Choir that went to the Eisteddfod in 2023. It was at the Civic Theatre, Wagga Wagga. As we got off the bus, I felt excited, but a bit nervous. When we found our seats in the hall, we waited quietly for the event to begin. The first choir to go up was the acapella group. They were from St. Mary's Anglican School, Canberra. They were beautiful, singing a sweet Anglican melody. After a few other schools, it was finally our turn. When our school was called, we grinned nervously at each other then walked up to the stage. We sang 'A Million Dreams' from The Greatest Showman and 'Old Church Choir'. For the first song, we sang a bit too fast, and could've done better for our overall performance. For our next song, we did amazing. We were perfectly in sync with the music, and we finished with a drawn-out word.

We got a Highly Commended, which I was pretty happy with. We got back on the bus and we were happy to get back to school and relax, after all that nervousness, our muscles had tensed.

I think it was a good experience, and we all had fun singing. But I would do it all again, to see if we could do better.



### WOODWORK AT THE FORE

Ten Year 11 students in Industrial Technology: Timber Products and Furniture Technologies have just completed a Modern End Table project under the guidance of Mr Forbes-Taber. The project is designed to replicate the processes that students will undertake in their HSC, when they create their own Major Projects and Mr Forbes-Taber said he was quite impressed with the level of effort each student put in during the project.

"This project is aimed at developing students' skills and techniques, while using a variety of tools, machinery, materials and finishes so they can experience the challenge of designing, producing and managing a project from commencement to completion."

Students were able to make design modifications to the default End Table design and were required to document their project management processes in a folio that is very similar to the HSC Folio they will be required to commence next term. Students selected their timber from a range of Australian Hardwoods and learned industrial machining techniques for ensuring their timber stayed straight and true. All students completed the project over an 18-week period, and students were stoked with the final results.

SEE THE PHOTOS. . .



### F1 IN SCHOOLS REGIONAL FINAL

'Neo' F1 in Schools Professional Team are heading to Wollongong tomorrow to compete in the Regional Finals of F1 in Schools. Now in their second year of competition, the team of Year 8 and 9 boys, Oscar Nugent Team Manager, Nicholas Wilcockson Head of Resources, Ethan Harris Head of Engineering and Hugh McCormick Head of Public Relations, are primed ready for practical testing of their car and verbal presentations which outline the design and redesign process as well as the branding and community connection opportunities.

"We will be racing and competing against three other high schools for a place in the State competition," explained Nicholas, "We have designed our car with an arrow shaped nose so that it pierces the air as it shoots down the track."



bit more about the team.

skills for all parts of life. We look forward to sharing the news from the coast over the next few days. Check out the Neo Racing Facebook page to find out a





### YEAR 5'S BALLARAT EXCURSION

Last week Year 5 spent 3 days exploring Echuca and Ballarat to learn about the rich history that both places hold. The first day was spent in Echuca where students visited the PS Pevensey on the Murray River and went on a Port of Echuca tour. They loved learning about the importance of paddle steamers in the 1800s to transport people, food and services. Diggers would hop aboard a paddle steamer heading for Echuca and then hike it to the Ballarat and Bendigo Goldfields.

The next day, students were at Sovereign Hill exploring, sifting for gold and even had the opportunity to hold a 24-carat gold ingot worth \$300,000!

The last day was a very busy day for Year 5 as they paid a visit to the Deborah Gold Mine where they travelled 61 metres underground where they learnt about how gold was mined in the past in Bendigo. Students were asking great questions about mining and enjoyed turning their hand at panning again! A massive thank you to Ms Brooke Scriven, Mr David Chapman and Mrs Linda Priest for caring for this wonderful group of students.

### SEE THE PHOTOS. . .



### CATTLE TEAM AT THE WAGGA SHOW

On a bitterly cold Friday the WWCC Cattle Team took five steers, heralding from Wirrabilla Fleckvieh & Angus Stud, to the Wagga Wagga Show to compete in the Junior Parading and Junior Judging competition. It was the first opportunity to show the animals and the team had great fun together. "The steers behaved well," said Jemima Nugent, Year 12, "and it was great preparation for Royal Melbourne Show which is in just over a week's time." Not only was it a great day together but the team won a number of events and ribbons. Special congratulations to

### Oscar Nugent, Year 9, leading 'Caramel'

Awarded Intermediate Reserve Champion Parader

### Jemima Nugent, Year 12

First in the Senior section of Junior Paraders First in Senior section of Junior Judging, Cattle

### Hailey Gillard, Year 11, leading 'Peanut'

Third in the Senior section of Junior Paraders

### Jack Graham, Year 11

Third in the Intermediate section of Junior Judging, Sheep

### **Ned Bergmeier, Year 11**

Third in the Senior section Junior Judging, Cattle

### Jock McDonald, Year 3

Second in the PeeWee section (10 years and under) Junior Judging, Cattle

SEE THE PHOTOS. . .



### WIRADJURI PRESENTATION

The success of Secondary students in the August 2023 Local Land Services Photography Competition, was officially acknowledged last week with the presentation to the College of a local indigenous artefact. Mr Greg Packer, Senior Land Service Officer from the Aboriginal Communities, Riverina Local Land Services, came and made a presentation to the College. A number of WWCC students entered the competition under the theme 'The Magic of Wiradjuri Country', with HSC art student Jemima Nugent winning runner up - an impressive result in a competition with entries from 23 schools across the Riverina. The winning works are currently touring the region as part of the Local Land Service Annual Exhibition.

SEE THE ARTWORK, READ THE FULL STORY . . .

### HSC INCURSION



Year 12 English Studies and English Standard students completed a series of incursions as they revised for their HSC English Paper. In last week's incursion students were working through a workbook to assist with the set text: the film 'Billy Elliot', communicating how scenes in the film relate to human experience. The student's notes on scenes will be stimulus for a final essay. Since the trial exams, students have focused on continuing to develop their essay skills, lessons that can apply to not just the imminent HSC exams but to any further study students undertake. A big thank you to the Secondary English staff, in particular Mrs Linda Moore and Mr Dave Hancock, for their collaboration and teamwork for this particular event.

Year 12 are in their final couple of weeks in the classroom, with the HSC exams scheduled to start on Wednesday 11 October. Please be praying for Year 12 that they will be prepared and confident in answering the exam questions to the best of their ability.



### **COPING WITH YEAR 12 EXAM STRESS**

10 TIPS FOR PARENTS



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Despite the very cold conditions at Equex Netball courts on Friday the Year 6 girls played with their heart and soul to claim victory in the Jackie Murphy Netball Carnival. The girls were a joy to watch as they moved the ball smoothly down the court and with balletic athleticism intercepted their opponent's attempts to pass. Their passion for the game is only matched by their coach's enthusiasm. For Mrs Vanessa Vidler working with such a dedicated team is a joy. Thank you to Ruby Vidler for her umpiring and a big congratulations to the girls for their well-deserved win!



### CSSA GIRLS BASKETBALL

On Wednesday the Open Girls basketball team travelled to Sydney to compete in the CSSA State Championship. The girls won all their pool games, starting with a very hard-fought win over Maitland, 20-18. From there the girls had wins over Illawarra and Richard Johnson to complete the pool games.

In the Semi Finals the girls came up against the eventual winners of the tournament, Wahroonga Adventist School, and lost 15-28.

The WWCC team was sensational, with each member playing their role and contributing to the team's success. Well done girls!



### NEW KIDS GRAND FINAL SUCCESS

Contributed by Mrs Claire Buchtmann President, New Kids Netball Club

A huge congratulations to Isabella (Bella) Wishart and Rebekah Law, Year 10, who were part of New Kids Lightning who are U16 Div 3 Champions. They had several old students in their team as well. Bella did an exceptional job in the shooting circle and was named Best on Court for their Grand Final - a huge accolade and very well deserved, she was definitely a stand out on court in that game.

Clarissa Shaw, Year 8, was part of New Kids Bluebirds who became U18 Champions in their Grand Final. Clarissa played in GK and made an impact in defence during her time on court. Well done Clarissa!

New Kids Comets were successful in B Grade and came away as undefeated all season. As a team with many Year 10 & 11 students that have played together for a number of years, they are well drilled and a force to be reckoned with. Well done to Brendon Colvin (Coach), Hannah Buchtmann, Claire Colvin, Sarah Dutton, Brenna Guilfoyle, Sierra Nelson, Michelle Shaw (Clarissa's Mum) and Carneh Yongai. Carneh was also named Best on Court in her Grand Final with her huge impact in defence.

New Kids Netball Club are very proud to have the WWCC teams as part of the club. New Kids look forward to partnering together in 2024 as the club continues to grow and the opportunities for the athletes to make wonderful friendships and create memories through sport.



COLLEGE COUNSELLOR

Mr Geoff McLean

Hello there! Thanks for stopping by . . .







# SCHOOL CAMPS AND EXCURSION WORRY: WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

It's been a bumper term with excursions and camps already! With less than two weeks to go there's still Year 3 going to Borambola, Year 6 heading to Canberra, Year 2 spending the day with the animals at Altina Zoo and Kindergarten will be enjoying a trip to the wetlands. Even with the excitement that these trips bring, they can still be a source of worry for our children. Here are some tips that you might find helpful as you prepare for school camps or excursions:

- **Details can take away the mystery** If you have the camp or excursion note at home, read through it together with your child. If they have any questions that you can't answer, write them down and email them to your teacher.
- **Enthusiasm is contagious** Find ways to share the enthusiasm amongst peers. Be excited yourself.
- Name it to tame it If your child is expressing concerns, listen to understand, not to fix. Recognise their emotions, label them and help them work through them.
- **Purpose can repel nerves** Getting on the bus can be a hard thing for them, and us as parents. Can we send with them a deck of Uno to play on the bus? Can they help putting things on the bus?
- **Broken Record approach:** Acknowledge their feeling of worry and reassure. Try saying without emotion, "This is hard for you. You can do hard things". Repeat as necessary.
- Social Stories: Uncertainty about an event can create heightened levels of worry. Consider creating a social story. Together with your child create a PowerPoint telling the story of what will happen on the day of the event. This can include from waking up, getting on the bus to what will happen at the excursion. Look up together online where they will be going and include pictures you found. Allow your child to revisit this story anytime they need.
- **Practice run** If this will be your child's first time sleeping over, consider having a low-risk practice in advance. Is there a trusted family friend, grandparent, or family member they could stay overnight without your presence. Could you invite a friend over to your house to familiarise night-time with different people.
- **Be strong** If you truly believe the excursion or camp will be a valuable experience, don't let your own worry for your child overflow. Pay attention to what you know, rather than how your child feels.

To get in touch with the College Counsellor phone the College on 6923 8888 or email: g.mclean@wwcc.nsw.edu.au

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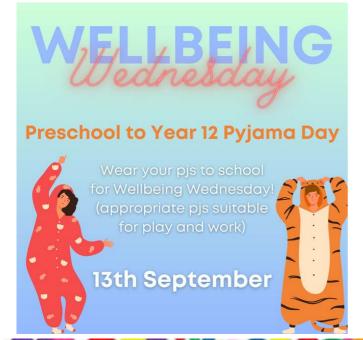
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U12s born 2014, 2013, 2012 U14s born 2012, 2010

U17s born 2009, 2008, 2007



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For full festival details visit: visitwagga.com/springjam



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY

SPRING FUN AT BIDGEE STRAWBERRIES & CREAM

WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER	THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER	FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER
MORNING SESSION 9:30am - 11:30am	MORNING SESSION 9:30am - 11:30am	AFTERNOON SESSION 3PM - 5PM	MORNING SESSION 10AM - 12:30PM	AFTERNOON SESSION 1PM - 3PM
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AFTERNOON SESSION 12:30pm - 2:30pm	AFTERNOON SESSION 12/30Pm - 2/30Pm	EVENING SESSION 6PM - 9PM		EVENING SESSION 6PM - 8PM
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