



# THE CHRONICLE

Wagga Wagga Christian College

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Wagga Wagga Christian College Community,

I have enjoyed meeting a number of you this week. Thank you to those who have made the time to drop in and say hello and thank you for your patience as I try to put names to familiar faces. For the next two Wednesday mornings, if you have a bit of time between 8:45 and 9:45 am, you are invited to morning tea in the foyer of the TLA, in the Library building. If you can't make it on a Wednesday, the two following weeks will be on Monday mornings instead. I look forward to connecting with parents as we continue to partner in the Christian education of our students.

Students at WWCC are a busy group! Last week, I attended the information session for parents and sponsors for the F1 and SUBS in Schools STEM teams. Students presented their very substantial work so far. I was impressed with the scope of their task, which includes project management, marketing and communications, and graphic design as well as the

**Join Us!**



*Cuppa* with  
**MRS RACHEL MCCLURE**  
Acting Principal

**Wednesday 7 June** 8:45 – 9:45am TLA

**Tuesday 13 June** Year 11 (2024) Info Night  
7:00 – 8:30pm MPC

**Wednesday 14 June** 8:45 – 9:45am TLA

**Monday 19 June** 8:45 – 9:45am TLA

**Monday 26 June** 8:45 – 9:45am TLA

engineering and construction aspects. We look forward with excitement to the State and National competitions later in the year. Our Under 15s and Open Girls Netball teams were in Sydney on Monday. Congratulations to all of the students (and teachers) who put the time and effort in to compete on behalf of the College. The Open team made it to the semi-finals - well done! And our Primary Da Vinci Decathlon team has been working hard for their upcoming competitions. Their dedication has extended to long hours of practice, even on a Saturday. We know their work ethic will serve them well and thank the teachers who work alongside them.

Lastly, a devotional thought for this week. In my Bible Study group, we're currently doing an overview of the Old Testament, and we have been looking at what God says to His people in difficult circumstances. A phrase that has come up dozens of times already is, "Do not be afraid!" Sometimes we're afraid because things are really desperate, like when Israel found itself in exile in Babylon. Sometimes, it's because we're uncertain about what is happening, like when Abraham answered God's call but did not know where he was going. And sometimes, we're afraid because we can't see the "big picture" the way God sees it. I love the story of Elisha, whose village was surrounded by an enemy army. Elisha's servant looked out the window at the army and was terrified. Elisha prayed that God would open his servant's eyes. When he looked out the window again, he saw that the enemy army was surrounded by an army of angels, with chariots of fire. Be encouraged! No matter what our circumstances, God sees the big picture and He is the one in control! Have a great week and please feel free to drop in and say hello!

Kind regards,  
Rachel McClure  
**Acting Principal**

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Rachel McClure  
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

## Prayer Points

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### **GIVE THANKS**

- For our wonderful families and staff and their love and care for our College community
- For the outstanding student work across the College - academic and practical

### **PRAYER FOR**

- Wisdom for each person as they navigate changes
- Peace as we trust God for things we can not see or know



## PRIMARY SCHOOL WORSHIP

The Primary School Worship service was a lovely opportunity for Preschool, Primary students and families to be reminded of the amazing and loving God we have. The Year 6 worship team presented the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 through pictures and Miss Sarah shared her testimony about her miraculous thumb. We sang about the greatness of God and His faithfulness to us, especially in times of change. It was also a lovely opportunity for the school community to catch up with Mrs McClure over some afternoon tea. Thank you to the parents who joined us and we look forward to our next Primary School worship assembly in Term 3.

[SEE THE PHOTOS. . .](#)



## REA EXPO

The national success of the College STEM teams over many consecutive years was celebrated last week at an industry and family STEM Expo. Student teams welcomed past and future sponsors to the College, enjoying the opportunity to demonstrate and explain the journey our Secondary STEM students undertake in the REA Foundation Competitions – SUBS in Schools and F1 in Schools. Presentations were made to attending sponsors and the 2023 student teams introduced themselves, their roles and their branding, while Mr David Crick, Head of TAS, gave an overview of the competitions and the benefits of being involved either as a student or a business.

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



## ENGLISH STUDIES TALK TRAVELLING

Last Wednesday, our Year 11 English Studies class welcomed our very own Mrs Lieschke as a guest speaker to talk about her experiences of travel. Students are working on an Assessment Task where they have to plan a 10-day trip across a minimum of two continents and keep within a \$10,000 budget. They have to plan their itinerary, budget and journal as well as consider legal and safety implications. Thank you Mrs Lieschke, for spending time with our students and sharing your wisdom and experiences.



## 1D LEARN ABOUT MATISSE

1D released their creative flair when learning about French artist Henri Matisse. In his later years Matisse created exceptional pieces of art using only a pair of scissors! Children learnt about contrast, colour and how to cut paper to create an artwork inspired by Matisse after reading the book Henri's Scissors by Jeanette Winter. The final step in completing their artwork involved collaging the carefully cut paper and deciding on careful placement.

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## LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

This week we had the 6th part of the Riverina Conservatorium of Music's Lunchtime Concerts! Hamish Tait on piano and Lauren Davis on violin performed two contrasting pieces in their concert: Beethoven's 7th Violin Sonata and Respighi's Six Pieces for Violin and Piano. Beethoven's sonata is intense and dramatic, while Respighi's compositions offer a diverse range of moods and atmospheres. The concert showcased the talents of both musicians and provided a rich musical experience for our students.

"I preferred the Beethoven but I also loved the Respighi performance that was like a waltz." - Katherine

"I liked it all. Lauren was doing some amazing shifting on the violin."  
- Greta



## YR 12 EXPLORES THE ART GALLERY

Recently Year 12 art students enjoyed an excursion to Wagga Art Gallery where they experienced the amazing work of local artist Juanita McLauchlan. Juanita draws upon her Gamilaraay identity, history and language to explore family connections. As Juanita stated, "The exhibition title 'gii mara-bula / Heart Hand' expresses my understanding as an Aboriginal person of continuities over time that I share time with both ancestors and descendants."

Students were inspired by the myriad of exhibitions that included mediums in film, photography, textiles, printmaking & oil painting. It was a beautiful chance to experience local art and learn the processes and concepts behind the work.

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



## KP'S NEWSPAPER FASHION

This term KP have become inventors! Each week they have invented something out of a different material, this week they had to invent their own clothes out of newspaper! Thank you to Mrs Rebekah Grant who came in as the "fashionista" to inspire them. They had lots of fun, finishing with a fashion parade!

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## MEGAN CAMERON RETURNS!

Last week, Year 9/10 students were delighted to have visiting artist Megan Cameron join their Visual Arts class. Megan presented a collection of her work and ran an engaging drawing tutorial with students where they learned how to draw a realistic dog using graphite. Megan's visit was a demonstration of her incredible talent with which she taught and inspired the students. She infused the room with her passion for art, captivating students with her skills and experience. Through sharing her creative process and skills, Megan celebrated art as a powerful tool for storytelling and self-expression as well as an important career choice. She was impressed by the talent and creativity of the students, and stated, "I love seeing their confidence building, especially those students who believed they couldn't draw previously." A big thank you to Megan for her continued support of our students in developing their skills and confidence in visual arts.

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



# AGRICULTURE



## IZZY'S PASSION FOR THE SHEEP INDUSTRY

Izzy is passionate about sheep. Not only passionate but knowledgeable and so keen to learn more.

Isabelle Armstrong, Year 9 student at WWCC, had the opportunity to meet with likeminded youth over the last holidays at the SA Sheep Expo held in Adelaide. After winning a bursary through the White Suffolk Association, to attend the conference, Izzy arrived interstate without knowing any one and left three days later excited, inspired and with new friends who love the land as much as she does.

The three-day conference was aimed at youth developing a better understanding of the sheep industry, the opportunities it offers and to encourage the next generation to engage at a grassroots level within the industry. It was a hands-on experience with students participating in workshops assessing lambs, competitions for young judges and sheep handling as well as being given responsibility for a particular sheep for the entirety of the conference.

"I have bred White Suffolk Sheep and have a particular interest in this area. The conference was fantastic, I learnt so much and I hope to be able to go back next year," enthused Izzy. Well done and we look forward to hearing more about Izzy's progress in the sheep industry.



## WWCC GETS A NEW TRACTOR

Doing the heavy lifting is what we rely on our Maintenance team to do at the College day by day and last week the team were treated to some new technology to help make it happen. 'Big Orange' tractor, the new addition to the Maintenance team, arrived on the back of a truck courtesy of Total Ag Solutions. Mr Luke Alcorn and Mr Wes Bollinger are starting to test the new tractor's capabilities. With a 4 in 1 bucket and pallet forks, Big Orange has a heavier lifting capacity which will help in the lifting of hay bales for the cattle, pulling out trees and leveling ground. "This new machine will improve the safety of transporting and unloading heavy items. We are really keen to test it out," said an excited Mr Alcorn.



# LOVIN' SPORT



## JOHN VROKYKS SHEILD GAME 2

Congratulations to our girls basketball team on their thrilling victory against Koorringal High in game 2 of the John Vrokyk Sheild! It must have been an intense match, with a close final score of 36-35. Carneh had an outstanding performance, scoring 14 points and being a rock on the defensive end alongside Roseanna.

The girls' next challenge awaits them in the semi-finals, which is scheduled for this afternoon. Stay tuned to find out the results.



## CSSA STATE NETBALL

Our Under 15 and Open Girls Netball team travelled to Sydney on Sunday to compete at the CSSA State Gala Day. The girls were fortunate enough to be able to attend a sell out Suncorp Super Netball game Sunday afternoon, Giants v Swifts. The game was an awesome experience and a great chance for the girls to see the highest quality game. That evening the group went to Emu Hall Restaurant and café and were treated to an amazing meal and live music, encouraging many to get up and dance. The teams stayed at Penrith Christian School and we thank them for their hospitality and use of facilities.

Monday was a cool and overcast day but thankfully the 35ml of rain that was predicted never arrived. The Under 15 team started well with a close victory and a draw but were unable to move through to the finals after their five games. They showed great spirit throughout the day and we know they will be back bigger and stronger next year, as all girls are at an age where they will again compete in the Under 15 tournament next year.



Our Open Girls were spectacular! They convincingly won all their pool games, where their skill level was a step above the competition. The quarter final was nail biting close, but the girls' cohesion and set plays proved the difference, defeating Greenpoint 22-14. The semi-final against Inaburra Christian School, was a tough... and rough... game with the College ahead by 2 at half time. Unfortunately, fatigue became a factor and our girls missed some opportunities under the ring and allowed some passes to slip through their fingers. The College was knocked out of the finals with a 27-24 point loss.

The effort of the girls was absolutely enormous and the College is so proud of each individual and the teams as a whole. Our students always demonstrate exemplary sportsmanship and behaviour and are a credit to the College. A massive thank you to Mr Brendan Colvin for coaching the Opens Team, your dedication over the years and the way you have encouraged teamwork amongst the girls was evident and there is no way we could have achieved the success we did without your coaching and encouragement. A thank you to Mrs Vanessa Vidler who volunteered to attend the Gala Day as a parent and coached the Under 15 team superbly, encouraging the girls and giving excellent direction. Thank you also to Mr David Buchtmann who umpired throughout the day, giving up his time to assist the College and being an absolute standout umpire on the day. Mrs Claire Buchtmann took many of the photos you will find on the news blog on the website and supported the girls and coaches throughout the day.

A big congratulations to Claire Colvin, Year 10, who was selected on the CSSA team to compete at the CIS (Combined Independent Schools) Challenge Day. She shot superbly all day and was a true standout.

By Mr Blake Cunningham, Secondary Sports Coordinator

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# COLLEGE COUNSELLOR

Mr Geoff McLean

Hello there!  
Thanks for stopping by . . .



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## LIFE LESSONS FROM 4 AUSSIE ANIMALS

Here's one thing nature lovers, conservationists, and random people on the internet can all agree on: Aussie wildlife rocks. As it turns out, you probably have a lot more in common with these little guys than you thought; there are lots of lessons Australian animals can teach us about our lives.

### The Shingleback Lizard

The Shingleback Lizard is also known as the 'bobtail lizard' because its tail stores fat reserves, meaning that it sometimes looks like a head. Something scientists find interesting about Shinglebacks is that they mate for life. They spend most of the year alone, but towards the end of the year they reunite with their partner. Some couples have been known to reunite annually for up to 20 years. So romantic! When spotted crossing a road together, the male will follow behind the female. In fact, the female Shingleback is considerably larger than the male. This is because the male is known to watch out for predators so that the female can eat safely.



### **What we can learn from them**

Lizards aren't typically thought of as being warm or kind to other members of their species. But the Shingleback shows us that we're all capable of loving others and of being loved – even if you're a cold-blooded reptile.



### The Mantra Ray

At up to 7 metres from fin to fin, there's no doubt that Manta Rays are some of the biggest creatures in the ocean. And just like any other animal, the Manta Ray needs to stay nice and clean. That's why, on the Great Barrier Reef, Manta Rays regularly visit 'cleaning stations'. (Yes, that's the name scientists actually use to talk about them.) Here, they stop by and give small fish a chance to eat the bacteria that's growing on their skin.



### What we can learn from them

Recently, scientists found that if fish get too confident and bite the Manta Rays they're cleaning, the Rays have an interesting response. Instead of fighting back, they simply don't return to that particular cleaning station the next time. We think that's a pretty solid way for anyone to respond to someone else's toxic behaviour. If there are people in your life who are too much for you to handle, and if you aren't in the right headspace to talk to them about it, sometimes the healthiest thing to do is just to stay away from them for the time being.

### The White Ibis

The Australian White Ibis goes under many names, including 'bin chicken' and 'tip turkey'. You might have seen them grabbing a cheeky snack out of the trash or, even worse, stealing a bite from your picnic spread while you weren't looking. We love to laugh at their bizarre antics, but it's easy to forget why these birds ended up dumpster diving for nibbles in the first place. The White Ibis is a species that originally gravitated to the wet marshlands along Australia's eastern coastline. But as urban development spread across their native habitat over the past 150 years, they faced a serious challenge and were forced to adapt to city life. It's not an ideal situation for them, or for our bins, but when you think about it, these birds have made the best of a bad situation.



### What we can learn from them

The Ibis's story is one of resilience. It's a helpful reminder that if you stay open-minded, it's possible to deal with challenges that come your way.



### The Clownfish

In school, everyone learns about the Clownfish's symbiotic relationship with sea anemones, which helps to protect them from predators. To defend themselves, sea anemones have cells that sting fish and predators passing by. However, Clownfish have a mucus coating that makes them immune to the anemone's poison, and on top of that the anemone gets vital nutrients from the Clownfish's droppings. This means that they can live together safely and harmoniously.

### What we can learn from them

Clownfish prove that, to be happy and healthy, you don't need to go overseas twice a year or have nine hobbies and three different parties to go to every weekend. We just need to have one place where we feel at home, and one thing that makes our life feel meaningful.



# 7 TIPS FOR DEALING WITH CHANGE



Here are some handy hacks to help you deal with big (or little) changes in your life.

## 1 ASK: 'WHAT'S THE WORST THAT CAN HAPPEN?'

Fear of change stems from the fear of not knowing what comes next. Try asking, 'What's the worst possible outcome?' Once you know what you're up against, it's easier to move forward.

## 2 CONSIDER HOW MUCH YOU CAN CONTROL

Understanding how much (or how little) you can change a situation that's worrying you can help you put things in perspective.

## 3 ACCEPT AND REFRAME

Accepting unwanted change and choosing to be comfortable with it will give you greater peace of mind than digging your heels in and resisting it.

## 4 CELEBRATE THE POSITIVES

They say that change is as good as a holiday — and who doesn't love holidays?! Focusing on the positives can really help you to survive and thrive.

## 5 TAKE ACTION

If the unwanted change is something that's within your control, take an active approach and deal with it. Focusing on the problem, developing a plan of action, and asking for advice are useful active strategies.

## 6 MANAGE YOUR STRESS

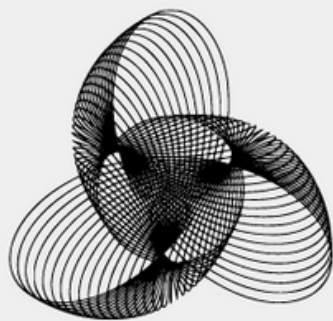
If you can learn to stress less, then chances are you'll be better at accepting change. Try to practise mindfulness or meditation, or engage in other relaxation techniques.

## 7 REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

When the battle with change gets too much, it's always best to seek support. Reach out to friends or family, or consider seeking professional help.

Read more here: [reachout.com/articles/7-tips-for-dealing-with-change](https://reachout.com/articles/7-tips-for-dealing-with-change)

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Fridays | Lunchtime | Years 3-6 | 5C classroom

### Secondary Writing Competition

ROUND ONE, TERM 2

Students in Years 7 - 12 are invited to participate in the first round of the WWCC Secondary Writing Competition.

Round One of the Writing Competition will invite creative submissions of a short story inspired by the theme 'Tale with a Humorous Twist...'.  
Written entries due Friday 9 June.

Prizes awarded for outstanding works.

See Mr Geoffrey Xeros for further information.

## COLLEGE BUILDING AND LIBRARY FUNDS

As it is getting close to the end of financial year, you may be looking to make payments that can be claimed in your tax return.

Donations made to either our Building Fund or Library Fund are tax deductible and the proceeds go towards either capital projects around the school or resources for the Library.

Donations are to be paid at the front office and a tax deductible receipt will be sent out to be included in your tax return.

All donations are gratefully accepted.

## Art Exhibition



### WAGGA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE STUDENT WORKS



Mates Gully

38 Morrow St.

Wagga Wagga

OPENING: 5pm

30  
JUNE  
2023



2023 THEME: **MOTiVATION**

### RULES:

- You can have up to 10 people in one band
- You can perform in multiple bands
- You must play a song that has motivational lyrics and style (e.g. not a love song, or a sad song)
- Entrance forms must be handed into the MPC Music staffroom by Friday Week 5
- You can book rehearsals in M2 or M3 on the schedule outside the MPC Music Staffroom
- Competition Rounds will be held in Week 9-10 Term 2 during lunchtimes with the finalists battling at the WWCC Fete (Term 3, 26th August)



# YEAR 5 FAMILY CATCH UP



SATURDAY, JUNE 24

4:00PM

LOCATION - WAGGA BOWL  
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BOWL

RSVP BY MONDAY, JUNE 19  
SAMMY - 0405 559 399

# YEAR 4 FAMILY CATCH UP

Friday June 23rd

From 6:30pm

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the Victoria Hotel)

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# Year 12 Families Catch Up



SATURDAY JULY 1

10:00AM

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-Bulk and individual ticket orders from schools, organisations, families and carers are welcome, including tentative bookings.

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- Bookings for multiple dates and showtimes are welcome. Tickets available until booked out.



## Early Childhood Approach and the NDIS

Intereach is hosting a series of online information sessions for parents and carers of children under 9 years with a disability or if you are concerned about your child's development. If you have recently accessed the NDIS Early Childhood Approach or would like more information about how our Early Childhood Coordinators can help, please join us for this free information session.

Information covered will include: how to engage with an EC Partner in the Community, what supports are available and if longer-term supports are indicated, how the EC team can assist families to access the NDIS for their child.

For more information on session dates, please scan the  
QR code or visit the link below.

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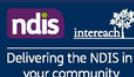


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156 Tarcutta St., Wagga 69317322

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K- Yr 7	Engineering & Robotics	9:00am to 3:00pm	\$110 (12th July)	<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/CISYK">www.trybooking.com/CISYK</a>
K- Yr 7	Engineering & Robotics	9:00am to 3:00pm	\$110 (13th July)	<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/CISYK">www.trybooking.com/CISYK</a>

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