



THE CHRONICLE

Wagga Wagga Christian College

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear WWCC Community,

This is the final week of 2023 Secondary exams at the College, and I would like to wish our senior students well in their final few tests. We have three more HSC exams to complete as I write this, so the Year 12 students are nearing the finish line! Many students have given positive feedback on how their exams have gone so far, and we congratulate them for the sustained effort over the last few weeks of study and hard work. We also welcomed a new IT staff member to the College this past week. Mr Anthony Gooden, a former student of the College, has returned in a Tech Support role, so please welcome him if you see him on campus.

At teaching and learning meetings, we have been discussing educational values. Our most recent discussion focused on what excellence means in a Christ-centred classroom. We recognise that each student comes to school with a range of gifts and talents. As Christians, we believe that those gifts are to be developed to honour God and serve others. We also believe that there is value in persevering to master something new or difficult. We know that perfection is found in God alone, so excellence should not be mistaken for perfectionism. We also recognise that God values humility, so the end result of excellence cannot be arrogance.



Excellence, then, in a Christ-centred classroom, means helping students to persist in striving for their best work, and encouraging them to identify and hone the gifts and abilities God has given them, recognising that we each have a purpose in God's plan. It means understanding each student's current level of understanding and working to help them grow their skills and knowledge. I'll talk more about the other values we've identified-hope, service, curiosity and respect - in future newsletters, and I hope it will give you a glimpse into the learning culture we are working to build at Wagga Wagga Christian College.

Over the next few weeks, there will be many opportunities to participate in end of year College events, from Christmas Carols to the official opening of the K Block building. Keep your eye on the newsletter for dates, and I look forward to catching up with many of you on campus.

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



CONGRATULATIONS

to Hope Gilmour and Ella Murrell for their finalists entries in the naming of the Wagga Wagga Marketplace's New Playground.

Hope's entry of 'Windmill Park' won!

While Ella's entry of 'Breezeway' took 2nd place.

Thank you to everyone who supported our students with a vote.



KINDERGARTEN 2024 PLAY DAY

CUTENESS OVERLOAD! Last week the College kicked off our Kindergarten 2024 Play Days - we love these mornings as they provide an excellent opportunity for next year's Kindergarten students to meet their teachers, see their classrooms and form friendships with their peers.

Whilst parents had morning tea together, the children spent the morning having fun on the playground, eating fresh fruit, and as a response to reading 'Franklin Goes to School', they crafted their very own turtles out of Play-Doh and rocks!

We can't wait to see how God will work through these children throughout their school life.

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



GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Inspired, informed, and ready for leadership - Our College Captains and Vice Captains attended the GRIP Leadership Conference in Albury last week.

"The conference was a great opportunity as it equipped us with leadership tips, sparked meaningful discussions and prepared us for our role as College Captains. Throughout the day there were 7 sessions that we attended with games that challenged us to meet other leaders and discuss topics, such as ways we can improve school culture or involvement in school activities. We valued the importance of having a plan and purpose when making decisions as leaders and sharing a common goal. 'How I can improve my own leadership effectiveness' was a session about the significance of having to grow, learn and make sacrifices as a leader. We also appreciated the session 'Being a student leadership team that takes steps forward' that focused on taking action in our school, as well as improving areas of our school that we do well but could become even better. We are excited to bring our new knowledge back to the 2024 student leaders to help them become confident leaders as they step into their positions as well."

Edward, Freya, Hailey, Michael
College Captains 2024



HATS OFF TO TEACHERS

Friday was World Teachers Day! To celebrate and show appreciation for all of the hard work our amazing teachers do, the College got around AITSL's (Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership) 'Hats Off To Teachers' day. Staff also had a very delicious morning tea to celebrate! Take a look at some of our favourite hats from the day...



[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



GOLDEN MEMORIES: RECOUNTS OF THE YEAR 5 EXCURSION TO BALLARAT AND BENDIGO

Year 5 had a fantastic three days in Echuca, Ballarat and Bendigo at the end of Term 3 to bring their learning on the Australian gold rush to life! Please enjoy some 5S students' recounts of their favourite excursion experiences! Our thanks to our parent volunteers Mrs Wood and Mr Touzel for accompanying us on this experience of a lifetime!

"Honestly, I'm pretty sure everyone thought that the dirt roads and the unmodern houses of Sovereign Hill could never, would never have anything as high-tech as this! So many "Ooh's" and "Ahh"s uttered from mouths and the occasional "Nah man! You be capping!" was heard. We were in the third theatre of the evening, awaiting the next instalment of the Light and Sound show at Sovereign Hill. The screens that were in front of us were no longer stationary, like a wall, but were now parting like breaking waves. It was mesmerizing as the moving screens travelled away from each other. . . ."

[READ MORE THROUGH THIS LINK . . .](#)



CREATIVE JUICES FLOWING IN INDUSTRIAL TECH

The Year 12 Industrial Technology class are on the cusp of starting their major work for 2024. An inspiring day trip to Bungendore and Queanbeyan broadened their knowledge of both the artistic and the practical side of their projects. The Bungendore Woodworks was full of incredibly intricate works of art which provided students with valuable insight into a diverse range of design styles and production methods. Learning about different timber and manufactured timber products available for purchase at Monaro Timber and Joinery helped Year 12 think through their choice of production techniques and material selections for their major project. We look forward to hearing progress of their major work under Mr Steve Forbes-Taber's guidance.

[SEE THE PHOTOS . . .](#)





REACHING FOR THE STARS

Reaching for the stars seems a bit easier after a large Newtonian telescope was installed in the Astro Dome this week. A reflecting telescope which uses mirrors to form an image, the telescope has a very large aperture which enables the user to capture photos of stars and galaxies not visible to the naked eye.

“This telescope will transform what students can research in their senior years at the College,” explained Dr John Sewell, Head of Science. “With the addition of this star gazing telescope to the College’s solar telescope, the understanding and skills growth in the student groups will increase significantly. Having the opportunity to explore the galaxy for themselves will open wide the world of astronomy and astrophysics and students will have the chance to develop their own research.”



Many thanks to Diego Colonello from Sidereal Trading and Astroworx, the manufacturers of this new telescope. Sidereal Trading will be working with the College to grow our expertise in astronomy photography.

[SEE THE PHOTOS . . .](#)



CHESS IN PRIMARY

In the beginning, Term 1, the amazing Primary School Chess Club was born. The creators, Gemma, Katherine and Madelyn, and supervisor Miss Brooke Scriven, invite all Year 1 to Year 6 students to join us in this wonderful opportunity of fun and stimulation. You will unlock new skills of problem solving, risk taking and checkmating...and do not worry, there is no homework! Join us in the 5S classroom every Thursday lunchtime to hone skills in some friendly competition. See you soon!

By Gemma Harris, Katherine Hyde & Madelyn Stewart
Year 6 Chess Club Leaders



GYMNASTICS STARS!

Congratulations to Kaitlyn B. and Isabelle S. for competing in both the Regional and State Gymnastics Championships in recent weeks. Special mention to Kaitlyn for coming third overall in the Regional competition and receiving her gold banding.

We look forward to watching your progress over the next few years!

Meet the Student Leaders

College Captain

Ned Bergmeier

Vice Captain

Michael Linn



Vice Captain & Cattle

Hailey Gillard

College Captain & Worship

Freya Howard

There are a number of Student Leader groups open to students in Year 7 - 12. Find out more on the following pages.

Student Leadership Groups



SRC Student Representative Council

Zeb Xeros



White Dove Cafe

Miriam Taylor

Sport



Cooper Cox & Archie Hewson





Fundraising and Community



Caitlyn Cumberlege

Music



Christee Nah

How can you be involved?

Regular announcements will be made at morning assembly regarding team meetings and upcoming events.

Ask questions of each student leader, offer your ideas and commit to supporting one or two groups.

STEM



Jake O'Brien



College Counsellor

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Help your teenager take a break from technology

This article is shared from reachout.com, the full article can be found [here](#).

It's likely that your teen is a bit obsessed with their device, and may even be head down looking at a screen right now. But to be fair, so are you. Screen time gets a bad rap but isn't bad if it's balanced with other activities, such as reading, clubs at school, and physical activity. Here are different ways to help encourage them to take a break from technology.

- Help your child find face-to-face activities that suit their interests. Are you worried that your child isn't getting enough offline social time? Show an interest in what they do online, their interests and hobbies, and look out for ways they can pursue these interests offline – such as gaming groups at school or in the community, reading and writing clubs, etc.
- Have technology-free zones. There's a time and a place for technology, and it's not during family time (like at the dinner table) or in the bedroom (especially at night when we need to be winding down for sleep). Also, turn the TV off when you're not actively watching something, to cut down on distractions.
- Give good reasons. For example, reinforce to your child that it's important to be engaged when spending time with family, and that having a break from our devices helps our body wind down for sleep.
- Put a limit on recreational screen time. When they're doing homework, ask that they don't use social networking, phones or games until they're done. This will help them learn to stay focused and not procrastinate.

Balancing screen time with physical activity

If you're particularly worried about ensuring your child balances their screen time with exercise and physical activity, these suggestions might help.

Start playing sport

Playing a team sport has heaps of benefits; learning to work towards a shared goal, having other people's backs, and camaraderie that forges lifelong friendships. Alternatively, your teen might prefer a solo sport like martial arts, swimming or running. You can join a club or class with these ones or just wing it, remember YouTube has tutorials for everything!

Going places under their own steam

Walking and cycling is better for the brain than being stuck in traffic or waiting for the bus. If it's practical encourage them to pick up this healthy habit.

Remind them of things they used to like

It's really natural for teenagers to chop and change what they're interested in. In fact, we all do it! Try and remember active things your teenager liked when they were younger and find ways to remind them they had this interest or help them get into things that fulfill a similar interest.

Make family time active

Instead of always spending family time in front of the television make a point to get outside or away from screens for the time that you spend together. Things like hiking, camping, card games or heading to the beach may seem a little old school, but you'd be surprised how many teenagers still enjoy these sorts of activities.

To get in touch with the
College Counsellor

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



3X3 BASKETBALL LUNCH TIME TOURNAMENT



DSM & Basketball NSW partnership

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:



BASKETBALL NSW



Prizes to be won!

Sign up!

There are spreadsheets placed around the Secondary Basketball quad.

Basketball Lunch Time 3x3 Competition

PRIMARY SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY

PLEASE JOIN US

3 Nov
24 Nov



2:15PM
MPC

**Kindy Family
Catch Up**



SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER
2:00PM
WAGGA BEACH RIVER PARK

Questions? Contact Bek - community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au

WAGGA WAGGA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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

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.



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.

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

TERM 4

special events



SAVE THE DATE

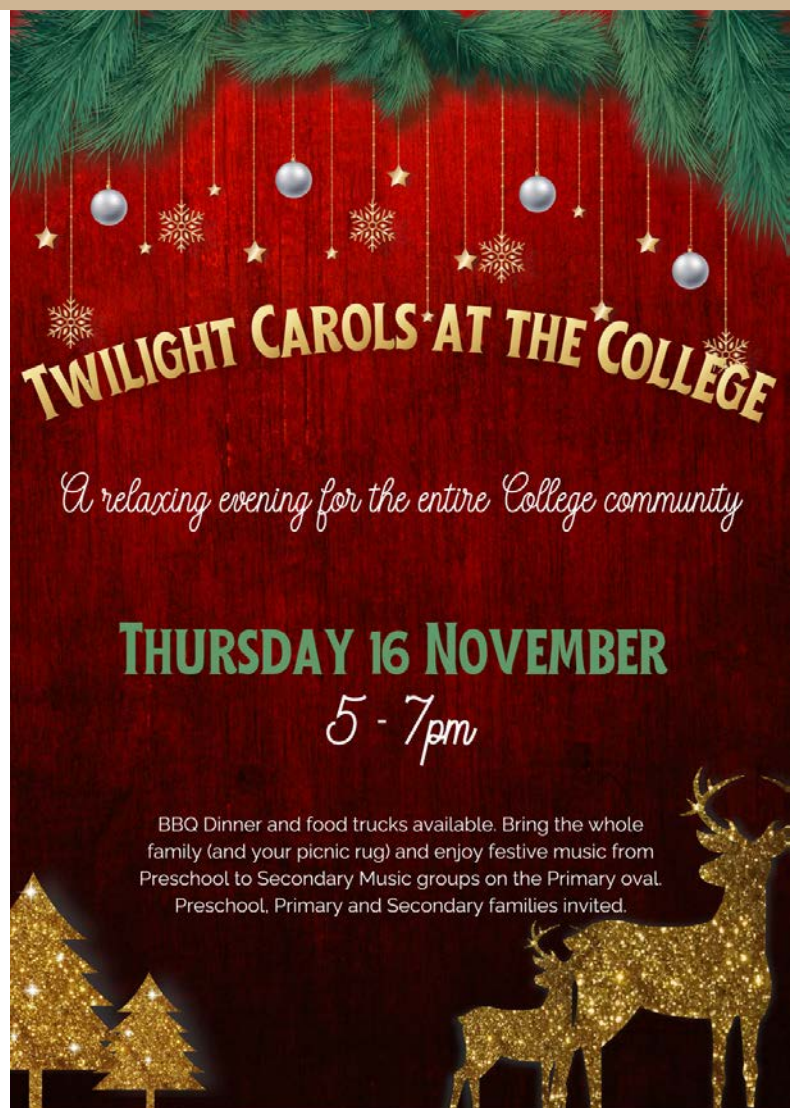
WWCC 2023
YEAR 6
GRADUATION
EVENTS

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.



TWILIGHT CAROLS AT THE COLLEGE

A relaxing evening for the entire College community

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER
5 - 7pm

BBQ Dinner and food trucks available. Bring the whole family (and your picnic rug) and enjoy festive music from Preschool to Secondary Music groups on the Primary oval. Preschool, Primary and Secondary families invited.



PRESENTATION WEEK

Monday, December 11

Secondary School Presentation - 7:00pm

- Includes Year 12 Graduation

Tuesday, December 12

Preschool Celebration - 11:30am

Primary School Celebration - 1:30pm



CHURCH COMMUNITIES YOU ARE WELCOME!



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

