



THE CHRONICLE

Wagga Wagga Christian College

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Chronicle Readers,

I'd like to start with a thank you to the Primary school for an amazing Swimming Carnival – students, parents, teachers, and special visitors all joined together to cheer on the swimmers, and I'm sure all who were able to attend would agree it was a wonderful day. I also wanted to give an extra special thankyou to the Secondary students and all the parents who helped on the day as well. We can't run days like this without your help!

Last Friday, we were also able to see joy and fun with the Preschool to Year 1 "Water Fun Day". I think every child ended up being thoroughly soaked, and a few teachers and parents were also a little bit damp by the end of the event! It was amazing as well to see some older students encourage and give instructions to provide the younger children with a terrific experience.

This week continues the busyness of life with preparation for Open Night, visits to the Life Education Van, excursions, Zone Swimming, and in-class guest speakers. And on top of all that is the great learning and activities that happen at the College every day.

This week we are also sending our Year 7 class to their "Kick off camp". This should be a great time of learning about each other as they explore the beautiful Southern Highlands. Please pray for them – that they will have a safe and fun time.

Mr Phillip Wilson
Principal



OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 7 MARCH
4:30 - 7:30PM

EXPLORE

PRESCHOOL - YEAR 12

TOURS
OPEN CLASSROOMS
2024 INFORMATION SESSIONS
PERFORMANCES

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WAGGA WAGGA

Prayer Points

GIVE THANKS

- For great times of being together.

PRAYER FOR

- Year 7 on camp.
- Open Night event and families who are considering attending.



OPEN NIGHT



EXPLORE PRESCHOOL TO YEAR 12 AT
WAGGA WAGGA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

7TH MARCH
4.30 - 7.30PM

Here are a few snippets of what is happening around the College on Open Night. Bring your family and friends, neighbours and work colleagues. This is a great day to discover all parts of our wonderful College.



See the National Final ROV and Submarine in action.



Make tongue tingling sherbet.



Send an F1 Car racing down the track.



Visit the Lemonade Stall.



Digital art expression in the art room.



Put yourself out there with the Maths Challenge.



Espresso Coffee by Maddish & student run White Dove Cafe.



Enjoy a steak sandwich or a sausage and support the Year 9 and 10 Tasmania Excursion.



Sun watching through the telescope at the Astro Dome.



Sign up to be a WWCC Explorer. Make a badge, go exploring, solve the clues and receive a prize.



Explore the science of sound at the ASEC Centre.



Discover your inner wordsmith with a game of giant scrabble.



Dig deep and participate in a Bananagram challenge - the ultimate anagram game.



Participate in the winning Scratch coding challenge in the Computer Room (and BONUS - learn all about NSW produce).



Plant a succulent to take home.



Decorate cookies for a yummy snack for later.



Enjoy the toe tapping music making and Be part of the audience for dance performances.



Click through for full program of performances.



HOW YOU CAN BE PART OF OPEN NIGHT



7TH MARCH
4.30 - 7.30PM

There are so many ways you can support our College Community this Open Night!



Come along
and bring the
family!



Pray for families,
planning,
follow-up.



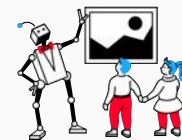
Ask someone to
come along. Tell
them about our
great community.



Volunteer on
the Open
Night BBQ.



Hand out the
Open Night flyers
to friends and
neighbours.



Be part of the
activities.



Grab a stack of
flyers to take to
ballet, music
lessons or
touch practise.



Like, comment
and share the
Facebook posts
about Open
Night.



Support the
Kindergarten
and Year 7
2024 Info
Sessions.



Encourage your
children as they
perform and support
their classroom and
learning activities on
Open Night.



Celebrate our
wonderful teachers.
Check out their
stories and passions
on social media.



AZ HAMILTON VISITS YEARS 11 & 12

Az Hamilton from Just Motivation spoke engagingly and encouragingly to Year 11 and 12 students at a full-day group session last week, following a theme of 'Connection'. Students learned about the difference between just 'hearing' and really 'listening' in connecting with others, and put this into practice with some fun games and activities. Students also reflected on their leadership role within the College community and how important their focus is in achieving goals. Az shared some powerful stories that brought change in his life, especially in caring for others and making a difference in the world.

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



BUNNINGS VISIT FOR YEAR 11

In Year 11 Work Studies, students attended one of Australia's favourite stores, Bunnings Warehouse, and met with Jason Triffit (Lifestyles Coordinator) for an informative and inspiring discussion around his 17-year-long career with Bunnings! Students heard about inclusive employment policies and the focus on developing a positive workplace culture to ensure teams work efficiently in a supportive and encouraging work environment in which they enjoy and feel valued. Students then participated in a "scavenger hunt" style challenge that Mr Forbes-Taber had created for them, pairing up to locate an extensive list of products and tools in store for a simulated planter box construction project.

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



KINDERGARTEN LEARNS BUS SAFETY

We love seeing all of the new little ones come into Kindergarten each year and watching them grow! It is essential that these students learn about bus safety and how important it is now that they have started their big school life. We had a lovely bus driver from Busabout Wagga bring over his bus and teach Kindergarten about the meanings of all the different signs and lights on the bus and how to be safe when in or around a bus. To put everything into practice, Kindergarten even got to have a little ride on the bus!

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



WATER FUN DAY

Water Fun Day lived up to its name! Sun, water and friends were great ingredients for a wild morning for the Preschool, Kindergarten and Year 1 students. Year 10 students led the younger cohort through a series of bubble bursting, water gun shooting and water slide fun. Thank you to the parents who supported the morning - there were lots of squeals of delight echoing through the playground!

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



PEACE CEREMONY BY H. MCDOWELL

"On Sunday, I had the honour of speaking at the Rotary Peace Ceremony. This required me to write and present a three-minute speech on how our school promotes peace and diversity within both our local and global community. I was able to share how our College embraces fundraising and community connection opportunities as well as supporting our student body through leadership groups such as our Health and Wellbeing group. It was a really great opportunity for me to reflect on the way our school prioritises these values, as well as hearing other school representatives talk about how their schools reflect these principles. The Rotary Committee put on a lovely ceremony and I'm glad I could be a part of it."

Hannah McDowell, College Captain

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



HEALTHY HAROLD WEEK KICKS OFF

This week Healthy Harold is visiting our Preschool and Primary students! Harold is making sure he makes good use of his time here by educating the children about their feelings, decisions, friendships and more. We always love hosting the Life Ed Van and value the practical lessons and fun activities they provide.



CSSA FAR WEST ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Today WWCC hosted the CSSA Far West Zone Swimming Carnival. We were so thankful for a beautiful day and it was great to welcome parents down at the Oasis Pool to cheer on the WWCC Swim Team. Schools from across the region including Dubbo, Orange, Deniliquin and Parkes made the big trip to Wagga for this annual event, vying for places in the Far West Zone team for the CSSA State event to be held later in the term. It was great to welcome Dubbo Christian School to stay over at the College last night. A wonderful group of parents and student leaders served them a cooked breakfast this morning. Special thank you to Dave Buchtmann, Eunice Yongai and Toby and Youngju Anderson for all your efforts so early in the morning! What amazing families we have at the College!

[PHOTOS...](#)



LOVIN' SPORT



PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

God blessed us with a beautiful day on Friday for the Primary Swimming Carnival. Thank you Junee Swimming Pool for hosting this exciting event! A wonderful turnout of parents and Secondary School students were a fantastic support to the day hosting the BBQ, assisting in the pool and encouraging from the sidelines. There was a lot of House spirit and great participation, but Rentoul must be on a roll as they took first place in Secondary and now Primary too! Thank you Mrs Vanessa Vidler, Primary School Sports Coordinator for organising this great day!

[PHOTOS...](#)

**1ST
RENTOUL**

**2ND
LINDNER**

**3RD
VINCENNT**

**4TH
WEST**



STAGE 4 TRAIN FOR NETBALL

This term in our Years 7-8 PE lessons, the College has partnered with Wagga Wagga Netball and Cricket NSW, courtesy of the Sporting Schools NSW grant. Each fortnight the students are run through fun activities that warm them up and enhance their motor skills before finishing off the lesson with a proper game of netball. The experience that the coaches have is unparalleled and a blessing to our College, pushing our competitive students and catering perfectly to those who are new to the games. Thank you Wagga Wagga Netball!

[PHOTOS...](#)



YEARS 3-6 SERVE AT TENNIS

Years 3-6 have had a wonderful time over the last three weeks - playing tennis and learning how to serve at South Wagga Tennis Club. The students have made great improvements and learnt many new skills in their PE lessons with Mrs Vidler and Zac Burhop. Thank you South Wagga Tennis Club!



MINI SOCCEROOS SOCCER GALA DAY

There was some excitement on the soccer field last week (and in the bus!) as the Stage 2 Boys competed in the Mini Socceroos Gala Day at Duke of Kent Oval on Thursday. It was a good effort from the boys as they won a few games and lost a few, but more importantly, we are proud of how they played as a team, the happy attitudes they held and the sportsmanship they showed. Thankfully it was a warm and sunny day, but not too hot like the few days beforehand, making it very enjoyable. Thank you, Football Wagga, for your organisation of the day.

[PHOTOS...](#)



STAGE 3 BOYS SOCCER GALA DAY

Stage 3 boys had a great day playing soccer last week. The heat was challenging but the boys still played their best and had fun competing against the other schools. It was a great chance for Stage 3 to combine and play together, bringing their varying levels of skills to the day. Thank you to Ms Lisa Wheeler for coaching and encouraging the boys on the day.



CSSA SECONDARY STATE HOCKEY GALA DAY

Last Wednesday Year 9 student Hamish Gomersall competed in the Secondary State Hockey Gala Day in Narellan. There were 25 Christian Schools represented in total, and because Hamish was the only one representing the College he was placed in a "Barbarian" team. It was really impressive how well Hamish's team played especially considering that they had never met before, earning the best results for the day winning 3 games and only losing 1, and 16 goals scored with only 1 scored against them. Unfortunately, due to Hamish being in a "Barbarian" team, they were not allowed to progress to the semi or grand finals which was disappointing as their results would have guaranteed them a spot. Overall, it was a great day of competition and skills on display. Thank you to Mr Blake Cunningham for organising this opportunity.



SECONDARY SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to all of our Swimming Age Champions for 2023:
PRIMARY

8 years - William Hildebrand
9 years - Max Gilmour & Maddison Wade
10 years - Marley Vidler & Soonhee Anderson
11 years - Thabo Kunesu & Mackenzie Tarbit
12+ years - Liam Robinson & Mia Owers

SECONDARY

12 years - Charlee Scriber & Harrison Wade
13 years - Ruby Vidler & Benjamin Robinson
14 years - Sophie Buchtmann & Jared Owers
15 years - Stella Wark & Joseph Jarratt
16 years - Hannah Buchtmann & Brendan Ellis
17 years - Elsie Russell & Bradley Quick
18+ years - Emilia Bennett & William Carmichael

PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH OUR COMMUNITY BY EMAILING
COMMUNITY@WWCC.NSW.EDU.AU

COLLEGE COUNSELLOR

Mr Geoff McLean

Hello there!
Thanks for stopping by...



EMPOWERMENT

WELLBEING

AFFIRMATION

SELF-ESTEEM AND SOCIAL MEDIA

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.



100k views

[View all 1205 comments](#)

1 DAYS AGO



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 counselling.

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.

References:
(Self-esteem and social media - ReachOut Parents n.d.)

To get in touch with the College Counsellor
phone the College on 6923 888 or email: g.mclean@wwcc.nsw.edu.au

For The Family



Kindergarten
2024

Year 7
2024



2024 INFO SESSIONS
AT THE COLLEGE
OPEN NIGHT

FIRST ROUND ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR
KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 7 2024 WILL CLOSE
WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 2023

CLICK ON THE QR CODE OR CONTACT THE
COLLEGE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Educating for Life



OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 7 MARCH 2023
4:30 - 7:30PM

EXPLORE

PRESCHOOL - YEAR 12

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OPEN NIGHT



CODE OF ORIGIN coding competition



Use 'Scratch' to create a simple
'catch game' which teaches the player
about the crops and animal products
grown in New South Wales.

Student created games will be part of a College Open Night
Competition as well as being included in an interstate challenge
highlighting what makes Australia unique. NSW is
taking on Queensland in this 'produce' challenge.

OPEN TO
YEAR 3 TO
YEAR 6

Winning entry to be played at
College Open Night, Tues 7
March, and student awarded
a \$40 gift voucher for
EB Games.

EBGAMES

You don't need to be an expert, competition suitable for 'Scratch' beginners.
See Mrs Alcorn for more information and entry form.

ENTRIES DUE FRIDAY 3 MARCH



OPEN NIGHT BBQ

CAN YOU HELP?

Turning sausages

Taking orders

Giving change



Help needed
from 4:00 - 7:30
Tuesday 7th
March

Contact Heidi or Bek
community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au

Help raise funds for the
Year 9 & 10 Tasmania Excursion

Defence Family Welcome Lunch

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 @ 1:30 PM

TLA FOYER

RSVP - BEK GRANT -
DEFENCE@WWCC.NSW.EDU.AU



Year 1 Family Catch Up



Saturday, March 25

Adventure Playground

Wagga Beach Riverside Precinct

from 9:30am

RSVP by Thursday, March 23

Cassie - 0424 335 492



For The Students

MATHS Tutorials

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS
FROM 3:30 - 4:30PM IN C2

Open to any Year 5 - 12 student
keen to improve their maths skills.
See Mr Gyles for any further
information.

WRITING Tutorials

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS
FROM 3:15 - 4:00PM
IN THE LIBRARY

Open to any Year 7 - 12 student
keen to improve their writing skills.
This is an opportunity to get
feedback on writing tasks.
See Mr Xeros for any further
information.

WWCC Primary Code Club



Learn to Code!



Years
4-6

Wednesdays in F1
LUNCHTIME



CHIPS WITH JESUS

WITH MR AVERY

LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY
COME AND GET TO KNOW JESUS BETTER TOGETHER

Yr 7 - 8 Wed Lunchtime C3
Yr 9 - 12 Thurs Lunchtime C3

CALLING ALL K-6 STUDENTS!
DO YOU LOVE TO SING?
COME AND JOIN OUR BRAND NEW

Primary Choir!

MONDAY LUNCHTIME
in KO.

FAMILY IS EVERYTHING



WAGGA FELLOWSHIP
KINGDOM ACCELERATORS

GUEST SPEAKER
PASTOR MANASA KOLIVUSO



7TH - 13TH MARCH
6:30 - 9:00 PM

WAGGA WAGGA SYMPOSIUM

GLENFIELD PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE
8 TANDA PLACE, GLENFIELD PARK NSW 2650

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TOM ON : 0427968897



Made For A Trade

- Are you a student who wants to know more about a career in a trade?
- Are you a parent who wants to help their child with choosing the right career?
- Are you an employer who would like to create opportunities to engage with local students to find your next apprentice?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions please join us to hear about the opportunities available in the Wagga community through the Made For A Trade program sponsored by TSA Management.

Find out more at the Information Evening for both parents and students!

- Hear stories from award-winning apprentices.
- Meet with tradespeople who have recently commenced or finished their apprenticeship.
- Discuss various trades with local business owners.
- Speak with staff from local Apprenticeship and Traineeship organisations.

Attendance at the information evening is compulsory for acceptance into the Made For A Trade program.

Made For A Trade Information Evening

Date: 23 March 2023

Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Location: The Premier Room at The Mercure

Light refreshments will be available.

Use the QR code to register →



For more information please contact Stacey Suidgeest, Senior Project Officer, Training Services NSW: 0477 341 030 or stacey.suidgeest@det.nsw.edu.au



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Tap
Tiny Tots
Troupe
Wedding Couples

Grunt 2023

AN EASTER MUSICAL BY
WAL SPENCER & JOE ROMEO
BROUGHT TO YOU
BY THE COMBINED
CHURCHES OF NARRANDERA
STARRING DOM BOWEN AS GRUNT

SHOWING AT

CRC Plaza Theatre
35 Bolton St, Narrandera



Tickets
available via
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from 1st March 2023

This is a FREE event.

For Group Bookings
or Enquiries email:
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Performances

Tuesday 4th April 11am & 7pm
Wednesday 5th April 10am & 12.45pm
Thursday 6th April 11am & 7pm
Friday 7th April 11am & 7pm
Sunday 9th April 7pm



CHURCH COMMUNITIES YOU ARE WELCOME!



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



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EVANGELICAL CHURCH



South Wagga Anglican Church

