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## From The Headmaster:

Attached to our Arndell Advocate this week you will find an article written by Dr. Tim Hawkes, Headmaster of The King's School, on the subject of TV programs and books which put the view that the world would be much better off without any God or any religion. Dr Hawkes' response to (in particular) the author Richard Dawkins is well worth reading and I thank him for permission to reprint it here. I am aware that interest in religious matters is considerable and that people, including Arndell students, want to tease out profound and significant questions. Vitriolic and one-eyed as it is, Dawkins' view promotes debate and allows us to put our own view, that God is indeed real in our lives, made real through Jesus and can't be ridiculed out of existence.

Thank you to parents in Years 6 and 10 who attended Information Nights with respect to next year's programs in Years 9 and 11 respectively. It is great to share with parents all our programs and our approaches – and it enables us to respond to issues that are in parents' minds. Well done to parents for venturing out again – even on a State of Origin night!

The recent heavy rains, you will be pleased to know, did almost no damage as school. A couple of sodden carpets, when water sneaked in in unaccustomed places, was the extent of it. May I hope that none of you have suffered in any significant way. The water level in Wolseley Road was higher then at any time in a decade or more, but school suffered no interruptions. May you all have fared as well; and none of us really resent the rains, do we!

As is our custom at Arndell, reports will be given out on the last day of term. They will not be available before this. They contain a wealth of information and we would be only too pleased to discuss these with you, at Parent/Teacher nights in Term 3 or at any other time that works for you and for teachers.

## And just in case you have forgotten to book:

**My Fair Lady**

**Wednesday 20 – Saturday 23 June**

**Performing Arts Centre:**

**Loverly!**



## Dates For The Diary:

### Tuesday 19 June

CSSA Primary Girls Soccer Gala Day – Castle Hill  
ICAS – English

### Wednesday 20 June

Yr 10 Geography Exc – Collaroy

### Wednesday 20 – Saturday 23 June

School Musical – My Fair Lady

### Thursday 21 June

JS Athletics Carnival – Roxborough Park  
Yr 10 PASS – Mini Golf

### Saturday 23 June

Arndell College Dressage

### Friday 22 June

Term 2 Finishes

### Monday 16 July

Term 3 Commences



### Thursday 19 July

Yr 11 Nepean Careers Market Excursion  
Yrs 10 & 11 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

### Friday 20 July

PSSA Cross Country – Gosford  
Yr 10 PASS Exc. – Indoor Rock Climbing

### Monday 23 July

School Sport Photos – Full Winter Sport Uniform

### Tuesday 24 July

Years 7-9 Parent/Teacher Student Interviews (A-K)

### Wednesday 25 July

School Photos – Full Winter School Uniform

### Thursday 26 July

Yr 12 Science Exc. – Water Treatment Works

### Monday 30 July

Yr 7-9 Parent/Teacher Student Interviews (L-Z)

### Tuesday 31 July

Yrs 3 and 5 – Basic Skills Testing

## *From the Deputy's Desk:*

A little quieter this week. Last week was fantastic. Years 7, 9 and 11 out on camp all experiencing the wild and woolly weather but at the same time having tremendous fun.

Camps, in my opinion, are so important in the lives of our students. The activities take many students out of their 'comfort zone' giving them the opportunity to take on quite significant challenges ranging from rock climbing to sailing to archery.

However spare a thought for the staff who attended. The job is a 24 hour a day one. In the necessity to ensure we exercise Duty of Care our staff are on call all of the time. However no grumbings from the staff, even the ones who were unwell, they all had a great time and forged a better understanding of the students in their groups.

Well done to all. A big vote of thanks to Ms. Windon who went down to the year 7 camp as a replacement for a staff member who was unwell. Ms. Windon did this with a few hours notice. Also a vote of thanks to the Headmaster who travelled between all camps from Nowra to Springwood. (I think he enjoyed the experience really!)

### **Some thoughts:**

There are many varied groups of people that children like to become associated with or attached to. It would be good to think that the scouts or guides, the surf life saving association, soccer club, the local music club etc were the order of the day and for many these types of clubs / groups are. However we hear of Emo's and similar cults that have significant 'Gothic' overtones. That these groups present a challenge to society through their actions and are not concerned for the consequences.

In a school environment we are also subject to these factions within the student body and are keen to work with such students when they challenge the norm of everyday life. These students will draw attention to themselves and consequently leave themselves open to comments or actions by other students. Bullying can and does create within these isolated groups a more cohesive group of students who will disassociate themselves even more from the community. They say that 'only the group understands them and that authority has no part to play in their lives'. Whether we like this or not we all have a duty to support these students and to prevent others from 'bullying' them.

I have major concerns for the wellbeing of all students but especially the vulnerable elements of the community.

When we know more and understand their goals we can help.

Please be mindful of what your child watches, what their involvement on the internet is and the influences in their lives.

Whilst we all want a positive life for our children we must tune ourselves into their generation and assist them through their challenges.

Have a great weekend.

*James Webb*

## *From The Head Of The Junior School :*

With the end of Term Two approaching quickly, teachers are very busy finalising reports and doing all those things that need to be completed before the end of term. All parents should note that reports will be distributed to students on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June – the last day of term.

Despite the rather extreme weather, a good number of parents turned up last Friday, joining their children in the classrooms for some class time. This was followed by lunch – somewhere out of the weather and the Awards Assembly, where Year Five let us know all about the super powers of the teaching staff – a great performance - to conclude the afternoon.

During the Awards Assembly, Headmaster's Awards were presented to:

|  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| KB: James Rich, Brianna Ayres;         | KR: Madison Croft, Lilly Rudek;      |
| 1B: Harrison Chambers, Laura Holman;   | 1R: Robert Hammerl, Lachlan Brown;   |
| 2B: Emily Towers, Jake Saunders;       | 2R: Paige Matthews, Emily Jowsey;    |
| 3B: Heaton Rejtano, Raymond Xian;      | 3R: Leighton Vella, David Osburn;    |
| 4B: James Vernon, Kyle Kerry;          | 4R: Alexandra Garcia, Connor Moore;  |
| 5B: Kieran Tolson, Rune Hislop-Speers; | 5R: Jack Midgley, Thomas Zahn;       |
| 6B: Courtney Vella, Sally Bowd;        | 6R: Naomi Richardson, Mallory Rigby. |

Congratulations to all of these excellent students.

Please note that Grandparents' Day, previously advertised as 10<sup>th</sup> August, will have to be changed due to a forced change to that date for an excursion. The new date will be determined soon.

We have had a number of instances of misplaced items of uniform recently, many of them clearly labelled with the owner's name. Could all parents please check their children's uniform just to make sure that they are wearing their own and not someone else's.

### **Some dates to remember:**

UNSW English Assessment: Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June (Years 3 to 6)  
Primary Athletics Carnival: Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June (The last week of term.)  
Mufti Day: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jun: (Items for Family Fun Day Lucky Dips)  
Basic Skills Testing: Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July and Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August (Years 3 and 5)

Enjoy your weekend.

Rick Harrison

## *Senior School Sports Desk:*

### **Commitment to Sport**

A reminder to students and parents.

Signing of your commitment form means a commitment to your team for the season. You are required to provide a note and see your coach at least 24 hours prior to the game if you cannot play. If you are sick on the day and NOT in school then you are required to ring the school and speak to either your coach or Mrs Cornick so that your absence can be noted. If you are at school and leave early due to sickness you are to make sure your coach or Mrs Cornick are informed.

### **Rugby Union Holiday Camp**

**Oakville College** is running a holiday Camp for budding Rugby Union players from :

**Yr 3 – Yr 8. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 9.30am- 3.30pmh.  
Cost \$160.**

Waratah Development Staff will be running the program and all students will receive a t shirt, ball & lunch. If you are interested please see Mrs Cornick for more information or go to [www.coursepay.com.au/nswrugby](http://www.coursepay.com.au/nswrugby) to register

## *From the P & F:*

### **Arndell Fete (Family Fun Day) Committee Meeting**

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, to be held in the Staff room at 9:15am. All welcome!

We are having a **second hand book stall** at the Fete. Don't forget to check your shelves at home to see if you might be able to donate some books, please drop them off at the front admin

There is also the **plant stall**. Any keen gardeners to help grow some plant or organise a vegetable stall, please contact Prue Stever 0417419161

The Junior School is having a Mufti Day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June (last day of term 2) in support of our fete. We are asking the children to bring in small items to be wrapped for lucky dips.

## Arndell Anglican College Directory

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Headmaster:               | Dr. John Goddard   |
| D/Headmaster/             |  |
| Head of Snr School:       | Mr James Webb  |
| Head of Junior School:    | Mr Rick Harrison   |
| Director of Studies:      | Mrs Raewyn Dean  |
| Chaplain:                 | Rev. Graeme Sedorenko  |
| Counsellor:               | Mr Matthew Lumb  |
| After School Care:        | 0407 474 161<br>3.30-5.30pm<br>http://www.arndell.nsw.edu.au   |
| Equestrian:               | http://www.arndell.nsw.edu.au  |
| Remote Document Access:   | http://rds.arndell.nsw.edu.au  |
| P & F President::         | Donna Pellew<br>0417 774 545   |
| Vice President::          | Tina Andersen (Waltheo)<br>0414 634 453  |
| Uniform Shop:             | Mrs Liz Moore<br>4572 3254<br>Tuesday/Thursday<br>8.30-10.30am/2.30-4.pm<br>Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch) |
| Canteens:                 |  |
| Arndell Community Church: | Pastor Greg Peisley<br>4572 3633/0402 278 483<br>Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday                                |

## DATES FOR 2007

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Term 2:                      | <b>Monday 23 April – Friday 22 June</b><br>Yrs 10/11 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews<br>Thursday 19 July   |
| Term 3:                      | <b>Monday 16 July – Friday 28 Sept.</b><br>Yrs 7 – 9 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews<br>(Surname A – K) Tuesday 24 July<br>Yrs 7 – 9 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews<br>(Surname L-Z) Monday 30 July |
| Term 4:                      | <b>Tuesday 16 October – Tuesday 11 December</b>  |
| College Carols:              | Friday 7 December  |
| Infants Presentation         |  |
| Afternoon:                   | Monday 10 December   |
| Primary School Presentation: | Tuesday 11 December  |
| Senior School Presentation:  | Wednesday 12 December  |

## DATES FOR COLLEGE CAMPS . . .

The dates for the camps are as follows:

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Year 8 Somerset Camp, |   |
| Colo                  | Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept |
| Year 10 Waterslea,    |   |
| Nowra                 | Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov   |



Arndell Community Church

**Arndell Community Church**  
is a contemporary church for YOU and YOUR FAMILY.

We meet every Sunday of the year at  
**10am Arndell Anglican College.**  
**6pm Pitt Town Anglican Church Hall**  
110 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town  
Contact: Greg Peisley

## EQUESTRIAN TEAM NEWS UPDATE

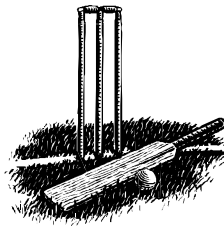
We have finally received results from the St Paul's Interschool Carnival held back in May, Both of our teams came in 2nd this year, with St Paul's winning the Senior and Kurrajong Public winning the Junior School. Congratulations to our riders. We hope to confirm very soon that one of our riders in Year 6, Maddison Thorpe actually won the overall Champion rider on the day, what a great achievement, well done Maddy! We also had champion riders within the other rings, Congratulations to them also.

Don't forget our **Dressage Day** coming up on **23rd of June**, you may download entry forms from the Arndell website or from [emmasshowhorses.com](http://emmasshowhorses.com), we will also need helpers on the day, so if you are able to help please phone Carolyn Dobson 45 723531.

If you would like the results of any Interschool competitions you take part in published in the Advocate please leave details at Student Services office and ask Mrs. McGowen to place them in the Equestrian message box, or email me with details [cami.leva@arndell.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cami.leva@arndell.nsw.edu.au), we try to keep up with what our riders are doing as much as possible, but we cannot always know what is happening unless you tell us.

Next time you are in the Student Services Office, check the noticeboard for details/programs for upcoming events.

The Equestrian Committee.



## Calling for Assistance

Dear Parents,

**We are currently raising funds for some more sporting facilities in the school. We were hoping to be able to install either some cricket nets or a pitch for the children to enjoy during lunchtime.**

**If there is anyone in our school community that has some knowledge or contacts with chain fencing or nets as well as artificial surfaces and concrete it would be great.**

**You can contact us by phone: Anna 0407965157 or Megan 0416128596**

**Or leave a note at the office or by email [sandmeg@tpg.com.au](mailto:sandmeg@tpg.com.au)**

Many thanks

## Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews:

### Bookings can be made now.

We experimented with a new arrangement of the Year 12 night, and we now wish to put that into practice across Years 7-11.

### The dates are:

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Years 10 and 11:          | Thursday 19 July |
| Years 7-9 (Surnames A-K): | Tuesday 24 July  |
| Years 7-9 (Surnames L-Z): | Monday 30 July   |

### Booking Arrangements:

- Parents ring the school and immediately make bookings, over the phone, through our Admin staff. You can make all your bookings at once, and you will be told your time-slots straight away.
- Teachers are given print-outs of their bookings, so they know their timetable for the evening.
- All the above occasions take place in the new Senior Library building.
- **Note:** The Administration is open during the holiday break and bookings can be made.



# 2007 'SEW-IN'

- When:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August  
**Time:** 9am – 2  
Morning Tea and Lunch will be served
- Where:** Senior Library  
Arndell Anglican College
- What:** We will be sewing squares together to make wraps for 'Wrap with Love'  
**Finished?** Finished squares can be delivered to Student Services at the College.
- RSVP:** For catering purposes please phone the College on 45723633 by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.
- KNITTING:** Follow the pattern

**Instructions for square wraps:** need to measure 10 inches x 10 inches (25cm x 25cm)

## Knitted Squares

To knit a 10 inch x 10 inch square use size 8 (4mm) needles, 8 ply yarn, cast on 50-55 stitches and knit each row plain (ie garter stitch)

Note: Test your tension to measure 10 inches (25cm)

Do not knit: one row plain, one row purl (ie: stocking stitch) as your square will curl up

No knots: Start each ball of yarn at the beginning of a row and sew in ends. Do not cut ends off short, as your square will unravel. When starting or finishing a square, sew in all ends

## Diagonal Squares

Cast on 3 stitches.

Row 1: K1, increase 1 in next stitch, knit to end of row.

Repeat Row 1 until side edge measures 10 inches (25cm)

Next Row: K1, K2 together, knit to end of row. Repeat this row until 3 stitches remain, cast off

**For more information contact Mrs. Miles at the College.**

### *CAREERS INFORMATION:*

- Does University sound confusing?
- Would you like to know more about University and what we can offer your son or daughter?

The University of Western Sydney is holding three Parent Information Evenings for the parents of students in Years 10-12.

- **Tuesday 19 June 6.45 – 8.00pm**  
UWS Campbelltown campus  
*Ideal for parents of Year 10 students*
- **Tuesday 31 July, 6.45 – 8.30pm**  
UWS Penrith campus  
*Ideal for parents of Year 11/12 students*
- **Tuesday 25 Sept., 6.45-8.30pm**  
UWS Blacktown campus  
*Ideal for parents of Year 11/12 students*

Students are welcome to attend with their parents.

For more information or to register, please contact 1800 897 722

**ARNDELL ADVOCATE:**

We wish to distribute the Arndell Advocate electronically at the start of Term 3 this year. (as noted in the Advocate 25 May 2007). The Advocate is on the website each week and if you require an emailed copy or a paper copy please advise the school before the completion of Term 2.

Attention Mrs Whelan,

I would like to receive The Arndell Advocate electronically.  I would like to continue receiving a hard copy:

Please tick which one you require and complete the details below

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Home Room: \_\_\_\_\_



Venue: Arndell Anglican College

Date: Wed 27<sup>th</sup> to Fri 29<sup>th</sup> June

Time: 8.30am to 3.00pm

Cost: \$95 (includes medal)

Book online [www.motiv8sports.com.au](http://www.motiv8sports.com.au) or phone (02) 8814 7729

**Motiv8 are back!**

After the great sports camps we hosted last year there is even more fun to have this year.

- Each child receives 3 amazing days of sporting FUN
  - BBQ lunch on day 2
- Camp medal, certificate and a chance to WIN some amazing prizes.

Children who attend camp should wear comfortable sports clothes, hat, sunscreen and bring a bag for all their belongings. If it should rain the camp will continue and wet weather indoor plan will take effect.

**Don't miss out - book NOW !!**



**BRAINTEASER**

**NUMBER 17**

Every issue of the College newsletter will include a brainteaser organised by Mr. Billeh.  
The answer will be published in the following issue. Have fun and God bless you all.

Peter picked one pepper more than Paul. Pat picked one pepper more than Pam. Peter and Paul picked 10 more peppers than Pat and Pam. Peter, Paul, Pat and Pam picked 60 peppers. How many peppers did Peter pick?

Answer to brainteaser 16: Each begins with the name of a European river, Don, Arno, Neva, Tiber, Twee

# ARNDELL GOLF DAY 2007

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August

## ***BOOKING FORM***

A Fantastic day to be had in support of our School...  
a chance to have fun, relax & provide improved resources for our children's  
education

### **WINDSOR COUNTRY GOLF CLUB**

7-30am Breakfast

8-30am Shotgun start 4 person Ambrose

1-30PM Lunch

Followed by Presentation

Cost: \$60 per Player

#### **PLAYER/TEAM DETAILS**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Players: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/email: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(cheques payable to Arndell P & F Association)

#### **SPONSORS DETAILS**

\* Silver \$150      \*Gold \$250 (delete one option)

Includes Signage at Club (as provided), advertising at all College events in 2007 & One  
Complimentary Player for Gold Sponsorship at Golf Day

# School Photo Days

Dear Parents,

Envelopes have been handed out to the students in their classes (Junior School) and Homeroom (Senior School)

## **MONDAY 23 JULY – FULL WINTER SPORTS UNIFORM**

- All Sports Photos
- Zone Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country Photos, and After School Sports & Gala Photos, Equestrian etc.

## **WEDNESDAY 25 JULY – FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM**

- All School/ Class & Individual Photos
- Family Groups, Staff Photo, Prefect (Jnr & Snr), All Music Photos & Musical Cast, Public Speaking etc.

**ENVELOPES FOR FAMILY GROUPS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE FRONT OFFICE.**

**ALL ENVELOPES MUST BE RETURNED TO CLASS/HOMEROOM TEACHER BEFORE WEDNESDAY 18 JULY, 2007. (WITH PRE-PAYMENT MONEY ENCLOSED)**

**SPORT/ TEAM PHOTOS MAY BE ORDERED WHEN DISPLAYED AT A LATER DATE**

### **Class & Individual**

- Please complete all details on the front of the envelope prior to returning it.
- The envelope must be returned to the student's Class or Homeroom teacher.
- Please ensure that the correct money is in each envelope, as change cannot be given.
- All students will be in the class photograph & individual photo, as all years 7 – 10 students will be receiving ID Cards.
- Additional envelopes are available from the Main Administration Office.

### **Family Photos (No "Buddy" Photos will be taken)**

- Envelopes are available from the Main Administration Office for Family Photographs.
- Only those who return the Family Portrait Envelope with correct money will have Family Photographs. Please ensure that all details on the envelope are complete.
- The correct money should be in the Family Portrait Envelope, **NOT** added to the student's Individual Photograph envelope.
- One member of the family should return the Family portrait envelope to his/her class/ homeroom teacher.
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### **Group, Team, Sport & Equestrian Photos**

- Students in teams/ group photos are to check with the appropriate staff member on what to wear for photos.

## DAWKINS FAILS IN HIS DUEL WITH GOD

The TV program *Root of All Evil* by the Oxford biologist, Richard Dawkins, is an attack on religion which requires a response. Dawkins' TV program is based on his book *The God Delusion*. Unlike his previous books, which were of a scientific genre, we now see Dawkins giving full vent to a personal ideology which ridicules faith in God, particularly the Christian God.

A major weakness with Dawkins is that he seems unable to differentiate between the morality of a hate-filled religious extremist, and the morality of Mother Teresa. He disturbs us with historical accounts of atrocities committed by religious zealots, but fails to analyse whether they were acting in accordance with what even a primary school child would agree to being in line with basic religious teaching. Outrageous religious behaviour is outrageous religious behaviour. Bastardised expressions of Christianity are bastardised expressions of Christianity. Neither represents a true expression of the great religions.

Dawkins often attempts to discredit Christianity by ridiculing the God of the Old Testament. This makes as much sense as theologians ridiculing science on the basis of the teaching of medieval scientists. Dawkins fails to understand that Scriptural understanding, like scientific understanding, is progressive and is built up over time. Scriptural truth according to Christian teaching is fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. This is where Dawkins should be spending his time and energy – looking at the “Christ” in Christianity. His failure to do this is a major weakness in his *Root of All Evil*.

Dawkins claims that no rational, scientific person should believe in God. He is wrong. One of the greatest evangelical statements of all time is creation itself. It compels us to consider whether there might be a mind behind the system, a purpose in living or a future after dying.

Most Christians accept the truths within science and see no conflict with there also being a creator God. Christians believe that science answers the questions of “how” and “when” whereas theology answers the questions “who” and “why”. Contrary to Dawkins' view, science and faith can exist happily together.

Dawkins suggests that atheists would make better custodians of life on earth. This needs to be challenged. Pol Pot, Hitler and Stalin did not have better ethics than Jesus Christ. Lenin's protracted use of brutality to stamp out Christianity did not enrich his nation. Solzhenitsyn reckoned that since 1923 some 65 million Russians have been killed by their own leaders. Atheism is no innocent unsullied by atrocity. Atheism can be very dark indeed.

The many great reforms introduced into the world by Christians are not recognised by Dawkins. J Wesley Bready in the book *England Before and After Wesley* states that the true spirit and character which has created and sustained free institutions throughout the English speaking world grew out of the oft-lampooned Christian evangelical revival. The work of the “Clanham” sect under William Wilberforce's



leadership led to the abolition of slavery. It also fuelled reforms in the area of animal cruelty, drunkenness, gambling, and took up the political causes of many being oppressed throughout the world. Christians also campaigned on behalf of child workers, lunatics and prisoners. They instituted reforms in several regions of the world. For example, they revolutionised the economy of Ghana by introducing coffee and cocoa. The orchard industry in Shantung was introduced by Christians. Christians also eradicated malaria, smallpox, and leprosy in places like Northern Thailand, and they resisted "black birding" in the South Pacific.

Dawkins' propensity to judge the validity of Christianity on the basis of un-Christlike behaviour by people claiming to be Christians must also be challenged. He fails to understand that a mouse living in a biscuit tin does not make it a biscuit, despite whatever the mouse might claim. If a person does not act in a Christ-like manner, they are not being Christian.

Special attention is reserved by Dawkins for the practices of the Roman Catholic Church. It must be acknowledged that Dawkins gains some traction in his exposure of some of the more bizarre Christian rituals, practices and beliefs which are not born of that which is central to Biblical teaching. There is perhaps a warning here for all Christian denominations. Whenever Christians have departed from a holistic, balanced understanding of the basic Scriptural principles, they are weakened in their religious integrity.

Dawkins limits himself to representing Christians in a caricature form that does not represent true Christianity. He searches out the weird, the unbalanced, and the extremist and attacks them. This is none other than cheap opportunism. It is easy to make a straw image of your enemies and burn them. Most Christians are not weird, unbalanced or extremist, but their testimony has been edited from Dawkins' program and lies on the cutting room floor.

It is asserted by Dawkins that faith is essentially infantile and something that needs to be rejected along with the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy. Many are not comfortable putting God alongside the Tooth Fairy. Neither are they comfortable with Dawkins' claim that God is but a delusion designed to give hope to the hopeless. Christianity is not just "an opiate for the masses". Indeed, quite the reverse can be argued. The Polish poet, Milosz Czeslaw, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1980, wrote in his essay *The Discreet Charm of Nihilism*: "*A true opium of the people is a belief in nothingness after death – the huge solace of thinking that for our betrayals, greed, cowardice, and murders we are not going to be judged.*"

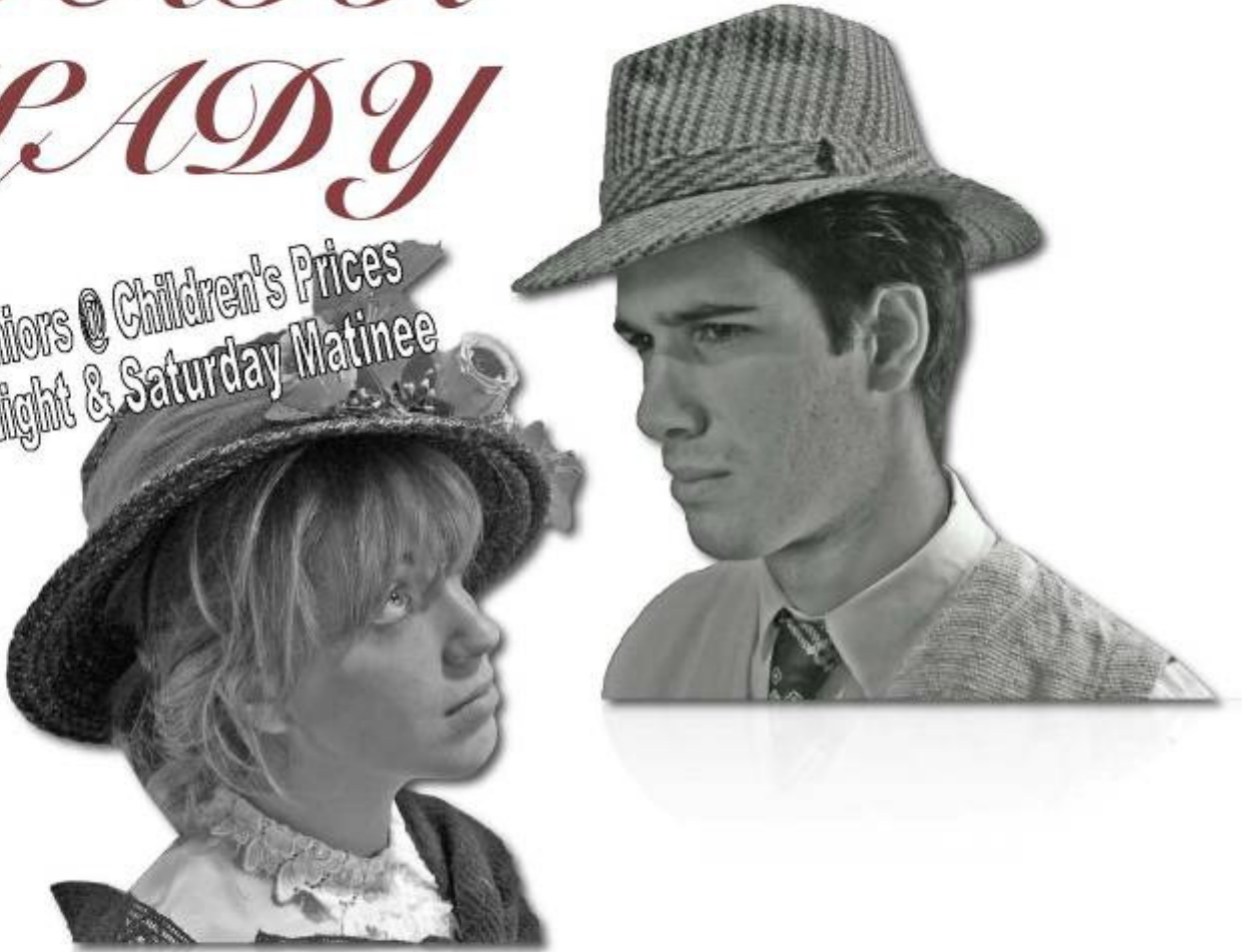
Dawkins fails in his duel with God. He even fails in his duel with mankind. Some might find Dawkins useful in the refinement of already established anti-Christian prejudices or might be swayed by his aggressive attack on religion in general. However, most faithful people who live lives based on the central creed of loving God and their neighbour will probably stand firm. They have witnessed too much of God in their own lives to do otherwise.

**Dr Tim Hawkes**  
Headmaster  
The King's School  
June 2007

# MY FAIR LADY

ARNDELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE  
In association with  
TAMS-WITMARK MUSIC LIBRARY N.Y.  
Presents...

\*Special\* Seniors @ Children's Prices  
Thursday Night & Saturday Matinee



June 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd - 7.00pm  
June 23rd - Matinee - 1.00pm  
Performing Arts Building

TICKETS - Adults \$15 - Child/Student \$8  
AVAILABLE AT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

**STARRING**

Peter Moriarty as HIGGINS  
Lana Finnane as ELIZA  
Justin Manefield as  
PICKERING

Hayden Collins as FREDDY  
Dominic Thompson as  
DOOLITTLE  
Elizabeth Churchill-Young  
as MRS. PEARCE

Book and Lyrics by  
ALAN JAY LERNER

Music By  
FREDERICK LOWE

Adapted from George  
Bernard Shaw's play  
and Gabriel Pascal's  
Motion picture  
'PYGMALION'

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