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From The Headmaster:

Are you dry? It has been a week to remember at school, not only for rain and a few small leaks, but for the amount of press coverage received by the school on account of our Duke of Edinburgh hike of last weekend. As you will know, Miss Smith and Mr Laffin and twelve students were on an expedition last Friday and Saturday in the Blue Mountains when suddenly rising waters in Breakfast Creek made it inadvisable to cross. There was no viable alternative route out and the group set of an EPIRB, an electronic signalling emergency device, and they were ultimately helicoptered out.

There have been many aspects of the whole affair on which I have been reflecting and wish to comment.

- Firstly, and most importantly, there has been the very obvious good sense, competence and high standard of care shown by Miss Smith and Mr Laffin, and by the 12 students themselves under trying (though not alarmingly unsafe) conditions, I think they have behaved splendidly and have all brought great credit on themselves.
- I have been very impressed by, and grateful for, the strong show of support from the parents of the hiking students. Concerned they obviously were, especially for some hours on Saturday when we did not actually know that everyone was physically safe, yet they have supported both their children and the College. I thank also other parents, not of the students involved, who have also rung in to offer support. It too has been greatly appreciated.
- I have reflected on whether we were sensible to set out in the first place. Given the information we had on the Thursday night and Friday morning, I think we were. The Weather Bureau had recorded 0.6mm of rain at Katoomba over the preceding 3 days and for the first day of the hike the weather was OK. There was heavy rain on the Friday night, but all the authorities seemed surprised at the extraordinarily rapid rise of Breakfast Creek.
- I have reflected at length on the media coverage. Some of it has been calm and fair – for example, the radio spot on 702 by Simon Marnie, who clearly thought this trip should not have been undertaken, was nevertheless reasonable in tone and Mr Marnie allowed all speakers to have their say. He had an opinion (which he should) but he did not push his own agenda exclusively. Some of the TV and press coverage has been highly selective and in being so quite misleading. For example, at the conclusion of ABC TV's highly critical segment on Sunday night at the headline time, the voice-over announced our expedition as the story but the accompanying visual was of men being rescued from the Nepean River. And finally the radio coverage of Mr Hadley of 2GB has been intemperate and ill-informed. So, over all we have learned a lot about the media.
- As a footnote to that, I make the observation that I would always like parental concerns to come to me, directly, and not to the media, whose agenda will generally have nothing to do with the School. When Mr Hadley's program was told by a parent about a Year 10 excursion to Collaroy this week, that excursion had been cancelled about an hour before! The truth and common sense are both best served by coming straight to me. They have also made

Dates for the Diary:

Friday 22 June

Term 2 Finishes

Monday 16 July

Term 3 Commences

For all students



Tuesday 17 July

Yr 10 Geography Excursion

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)

K-12 Mufti Day

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

Wednesday 1 August

CSSA State Gymnastics

Snr. School Athletics Carnival

Thursday 2 August

Snr. School Athletics Carnival ½ day

Yrs 3 and 5 Basic Skills Testing

Yr 10 P.A.S.S. (Indoor Rock Climbing)

Friday 1 August

CSSA Zone Athletics Carnival

Yr 7 Hepatitis B/Varicella Vaccinations

some very helpful observations and suggestions which I and other staff will take on board.

- Finally, I have reflected on the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and its mandatory expeditions. I remain of the view that it is a great scheme and must continue to be offered at Arndell. My only regret is that more students do not take advantage of it. It offers huge opportunities for personal growth and life and leadership skills. Of course it must be undertaken in a clearly and carefully controlled way: I have been and will continue to be, very conscious of the need for careful checks, as I am, for instance, with the camping program. But the D of E stays.

On a related note, we must never under-estimate the value of prayer. I have had many folk email me or say to me that they have been praying for the College, for the staff and students, over the past few days. May I thank all those people here if I can not do so individually: it is wonderfully encouraging to know that your prayerful support has been with us all in a wet and woolly week.

John Goddard

From the Deputy's Desk:

Finally we have reached the end of a very busy term. May I thank our staff, students and parents for their support, hard work and significant contribution to the life of the College.

Year 12 2007

Our year 12's move into a significant phase of their schooling in term 3. It is now that they consolidate and revise work undertaken so far. Please give them room to manoeuvre, a place to work and as much love and attention as you can. Calming influences at home make a significant difference to stress levels.

Reports

By now you will have received your child's report for semester one. Please take time to work through the report, highlighting areas of strength and suggesting ways that areas of weakness can be addressed. We are reporting on the outcomes that your child has achieved and a written comment reflects the approaches taken and their attitude to work. The parent teacher evening will be upon us very quickly next term and I urge you to come along and chat to your child's teachers. It may be that we request an interview. Should this happen it is only done to support your child and to develop strategies that can assist with their education.

Awards Detentions etc.

In the new Parent Portal you are able to access a significant amount of information about your child. I am in the process of recording all awards, detentions etc. If your child has a back-log of Merit Slips at home please urge him or her to get them in to their Homeroom Tutor.

Stop Press - College Captains Take over Assembly!!!

The last few assemblies have been dominated by our College Captains. They have provided wonderful material for the students. I have been so pleased with their attitude and approach to lifting the life of the College and to the way in which they act as positive role models for the High School. They have covered so many topic areas and have even made the topic of litter both thought provoking and funny. Many thanks to Kirsten and Muhtab..

I hope that you have been able to get along to the musical. So much time and preparation has gone into the show. You should be proud of the professional manner and the talent of the students. Let us not forget all of the staff working with Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Withers and Ms. Doman to put the show together. More next term! Have a safe break (if you are able to take one) and if you are down at the snow spare a thought for the cross country skiers!!!!

James Webb

From The Head of the Junior School:

The last few weeks of term have been quite busy ones, with classes involved in all manner of things. All classes were entertained and informed by a performance by the people from "Brainstorm"; Year Three learnt about the Aboriginal culture when an Aboriginal dancer performed for them and then experienced something of Australia's European history with their "Colonial Day"; then all of the Primary classes had a very different experience from these others when they completed the UNSW English Assessment this week. Kindergarten had a very "fishy" day when they dressed up for their "Under the Sea" day on Wednesday while Year Five became lost in the rainforest on the same day.

Students who received Citizenship Awards in our last Awards Assembly were:

KB: Jackson Hill, Finnlay Johnson;	KR: Bailey Kershaw, Ashleigh Hadid;
1B: David Sproule, Emily Mitchell;	1R: Jordan Johnson, Dylan Wright;
2B: Blake Monds, Benjamin McAlpine;	2R: Timothy Sheridan, Justin Mares;
3B: Thomas Fraser, Joshua Glinn;	3R: Olivia Chambers, Brad Richardson;
4B: Lachlan Shoobridge, Chelsea Hall;	4R: Grace Corr, Carson Mills;
5B: Kelly Nguyen, Joel Tinker;	5R: Emma Stephenson, Ben Monds;
6B: Hayley Caire, Meghann Wells;	6R: Holly Vincent, Sarah Condon.

Congratulations to all of these excellent students.

As you would already know, reports will be going home with students on Friday. What you may not know is that this year class rolls have been marked using each teacher's laptop computer linked to the College "Edumate" database. While all the attendance data is in the database, we have experienced some difficulty getting that information out for noting the number of days absent in the reports. The consequence of this is that a significant number of reports will not have the number of days absent listed, or they will have a "0" when that is not the case.

Please note that **Grandparents' Day**, previously advertised as 10th August, will now be held on Friday 17th August. A reminder note will be sent home next term.

All parents should note that there will not be a pupil-free day at the commencement of Term Three – all students will start the term on Monday, 16th of July.

This being the last week of term, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable holiday break (if you are lucky enough to have one) and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 3.

Some dates to remember:

- **School Photographs: 23rd and 25th July**
- **Basic Skills Testing: Tuesday, 31st July and Thursday, 2nd August (Years 3 and 5)**
- **Grandparents' Day: Friday 17th August**

Rick Harrison

Senior School Sports Desk

Sports School Photos

Monday 23 July – Students are to wear Full Sports Uniform including their track suits, those students who do not have tracksuits must make sure that they have one – these are available from the uniform shop. Uniform shop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Inter School Sports Results:

Intermediate Boys Football v Rouse Hill	0-3
Junior Girls Netball v Northolt	21 – 18
Intermediate Girls Netball v WCC	13 -47
Senior Girls Netball v Marian	18 – 18
Junior Boys Rugby Union v Marian –	Postponed
Open Girls Hockey v Hills Grammar	1-3

Commitment Reminder:

A number of students have withdrawn from College teams without written notification. If students have withdrawn and not bothered to inform the coach or Sport Coordinator in writing, they are not fulfilling their commitment to the team and the College and may incur the Sport fee for the competition. Please make sure that if your child has had to withdraw from a competition that written notification.

School Girls Tennis Championships:

Congratulations to both Dania Barbagello (Yr 7) and Gemma Earle (Yr 9) who competed in the NSW School Girls Tennis Championships last week. The girls played in the 14 yrs age group and won the doubles and reached the semi finals in the singles.

AICES 16s Rugby Union:

Congratulations to both Ian Parkinson & Chris Simons (yr10) who were selected to play for AICES in the NSW SR Championships last Sunday. Unfortunately bad weather postponed the tournament.

Rugby Union Holiday Camp

Oakville College is running a holiday Camp for budding Rugby Union players from Yr 3 – Yr 8. Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd July, 9.30am- 3.30pm. 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 to register

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:

Winter Scarves

Are available from the uniform shop in red and navy blue. Please note that this colour and style is the only scarf permissible. Navy gloves are also available (one size fits most). The cost of the scarves is \$10.00 and the gloves are \$6.00.

House coloured sports shirts

House shirts are now fully stocked in all sizes (14, S, M, L and XL), in readiness for the High School athletics carnival in Term 3 – Wednesday 1 August. If you do not have one as yet in your house colour, they are available from the Uniform shop at a cost of \$26.00.

2 Volunteers are required.

If you are able to assist in the uniform shop on Thursday afternoons from 2.30 – 4.00pm. If you are able to give an hour or two on a weekly or fortnightly basis, I would love to hear from you.

Many thanks.

To Lynne Calvert who has been a volunteer in the uniform shop over the past several years. Without the help of our wonderful volunteers the uniform shop could not operate as it does. Thank you to all of our volunteers who give their time so generously and regularly.

Elizabeth Moore – Uniform shop Co-ordinator

2007 “Sew - In”

When:	Wednesday 8 th 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 rd 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 (i.e. garter stitch)

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

Do not knit: one row plain, one row purl (i.e.: 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.



The P&F would like to thank the following Companies for their support :

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Garden Artistry
The Beauty Shack
Cottage & manor Furniture
Pam Roper
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From the P & F:

Last Saturday night the P&F held their “Winter Wonderland” Trivia Night. If you weren't there you missed out on a great night. The **Jamaican Bob Sled Team** made a surprise visit thanks to the Junior School staff. The winning table, with the help of bribes, was “The Ice Queens”, and at the end of the table was the “Chilli Pickles”. The Best Dressed table was the “Jamaican’s”.

The P&F would like to thank everyone that came along to support the night. We would also like to thank the companies that offered prizes or vouchers to be raffled on the night, a special mention to Data Flex, Lisa Barnes Photography, Three Threes Condiments and Glens’ Beta Electrical for the major prizes.

We are looking forward to a busy Term 3 with several events scheduled. Please contact me or any of the P&F Committee members if you are able to assist with any of the below:

- *Equestrian Carnival (1st September)
(No horse knowledge needed)
- * Walk-a-thon – Date to be confirmed
- *Grand Parents Day –August
- * Golf Day – 30th August
- * Parent Forum –Topic “School Camps”
- * Family Fun Day – 17th November

The P&F would like to wish everyone a safe holiday.

The Arndell School Fete (Fun Day & Craft Market)
 Saturday 17th November, 2007.
 3pm – 8pm.

We are looking for stall holders for our craft market. Start planning and preparing now for your stall, booking forms will be out next term. We would also like to get a craft club going to make craft items to sell on the day. If this sounds like you give Prue a call (0417419161) or come along to our next meeting.

Don't forget to keep those 2nd hand books coming in, to the Front Admin Office please.

Live entertainment will also be a big feature on the day; we will be looking for any students, staff, or community groups that would like to perform on the day, look out for the booking form next term.

The next committee meeting is on Monday 30th July, 9.15am in the staff room.

All help and ideas greatly appreciated.



BRAINTEASER

NUMBER 18

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.

Supply the missing vowels to give six 6-letter names of countries. BLZ, CND, KWT, MLW, MXC, PNM.

Answer to brainteaser 17: 18 Peppers.

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. <input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to continue receiving a hard copy: <input type="checkbox"/>
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 27th to Fri 29th June

This is next week book now

Time: 8.30am to 3.00pm

Cost: \$95 (includes medal)

**Book online 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, and 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 !!



ARNDELL GOLF DAY 2007

Thursday 30th 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 INCLUDING COLLEGE TRACK SUIT

- All Sports Photos
- Representative - Swimming, 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.