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From The Headmaster: *Dr John Goddard*

Parents of Junior School students in particular should take an avid interest in the results of the annual Basic Skills Test. Mr Harrison has provided me with the following tables, which show some interesting things about our students;

- In the Writing assessment, there is almost no struggling "tail" at all. Virtually all students are coping well with material suitable to their age group.
- We might be a non-selective, mixed-intake school, but in both the literacy and the numeracy tests, the hard work of teachers and students (and parents!) is paying off and students are performing well above state average.

Band Results		Arndell	State	Difference	Arndell	Difference
		Yr 3 2005				
Yr 3	Reading & Grammar % results in Bands 3-5	82	73	9		
	Writing % results in Bands 3-5	100	80	20		
	Numeracy % results in Bands 3-5	80	72	8		
Yr 5	Reading & Grammar % results in Bands 3-5	87	79	8	71	16
	Writing % results in Bands 3-5	97	83	14	80	17
	Numeracy % results in Bands 3-5	91	79	12	90	1

I take this opportunity to thank all of the Junior School teachers for the wonderful, and vital, foundation work they undertake with the children. It sets them up very well for later success.

Well done to Year 10 students for their performance on Camp this week. About 77 students and six staff, with a few extra day visitors, of whom I was one, experienced fine weather and fine spirits. The mood at the camp was positive and bubbly and the activities, including the challenging overnight hike and the jetty-jumping, were entered into willingly and energetically. It was a chance for all to shine, and all did. Particular thanks to Mrs Laffin (convenor) Miss Catto, Mrs J Daly, Mrs Hurd, Mr Laffin and Mr Sedorenko for giving of their time in this most valuable way.

As I write, we prepare for the Year 12 Formal (Riverside Oaks), to take place on Thursday 22 November. It is a new venue and promises to be a very splendid evening. There is something very special about moving on, from one stage of life to the next, whether it be leaving Year 5, or 10, or 12 – or leaving Kindy. May I urge all parents to discuss these things with their children:

- how to enjoy a formal responsibly,
- how to make sure everyone else enjoys it too,
- how to make it a worthy finish to a stage in their life.

We want our students to think through these matters and to show themselves, and the school community at large, what fine young people – responsible, imaginative, and keen – they are.

"Trust in the Lord and do good:
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture". (Psalm 37.3)

Dates for the Diary:

Monday, 26 Nov. to 30 Dec:

Headstart – Group B

Monday, 26 Nov:

Yr. 7 Swimming Program
CIS Girls Waterpolo

Tuesday, 27 Nov:

Yr 7 Swimming Program
CIS Boys Waterpolo
Yr 9 Bullying Survey - Inclass

Wednesday, 28 Nov:

Auditions for 2008 Concert
"Christmas Carols" Snr. School
Yr. 11 Wacky Races Box Car Rally
Yr. 7 Bullying Survey - Inclass

Thursday, 29 Nov:

Snr. School Prefects Induction
Service – Sydney
Yrs 9/10 PASS Surfing Lessons

Friday, 30 November:

AICES – Golf Championships
Snr. School – Chapel

Monday, 3 Dec:

Yrs 3-10 LEAP Incursion

Tuesday, 4 Dec:

Rouse Hill Presentation Day

Wednesday, 5 Dec:

Jnr. School – One to One Learning
Support BBO
Yr 10 Formal – Sebel Resort

Thursday, 6 Dec:

Yr 6 Dinner Dance – School Gym

Friday, 7 Dec:

Snr. School Assembly
7pm – College Carols

Monday, 10 Dec:

Infants School Presentation
1.30pm P.A. Centre

Tuesday, 11 Dec:

TERM 4 2007 FINISHES
Primary School Presentation
7pm – P.A. Centre

Wednesday, 12 Dec:

Senior School Presentation
7pm P.A. Centre

Carol Service:

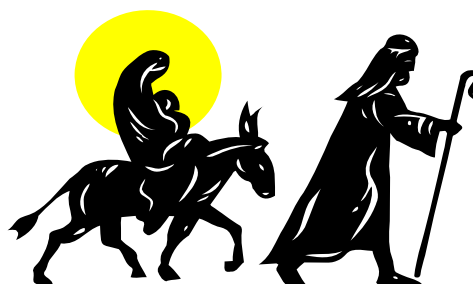
Just in case you haven't put it in your diary yet, it is set down for

Friday, 7 December

7.00pm

Auditorium

Don't miss it:



From the Deputy Head: Mr James Webb

Family Fun Day

An enormous vote of thanks to the Family Fun Day Committee for, what was, a sensational afternoon and evening. It was a huge undertaking but one that brought great rewards. Well done to all and to the Senior Students who assisted on the day.

Presentation Evening

Parents the end of the College year is at hand!!! Presentation evening is our formal celebration of the year and as such it is a mandatory evening. Students must be dressed correctly and will sit in homerooms unless being presented with an award. At the end of the evening I will direct parents and students to various areas to collect reports.

Last year we had a significant number of students who did not turn up. If you cannot attend please ensure that a letter is sent through to the Headmaster.

Merit Clips and Certificates:

Once again it is time to dig through drawers to find lost certificates or slips. Friday next 30th November is the deadline.

5 Merit Slips = 1 Certificate of Merit, 5 Certificates of Merit = 1 Headmaster's Certificate and 3 Head's Certificates = A Medallion of Merit. If your child is in this category I must have the 3 Head's Certificates also by the 30th.

Zone Sport

As the year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Rosemary Cornick – Zone Sport Co-ordinator - for the tremendous work done this year to really lift the profile of sport at the College. It is significant that well over half of the students participated in Zone competitions and this is due to Mrs. Cornick's drive and determination.

I would also like to thank the myriad of staff that manage or coach teams. After a full day at the chalkboard (I can still remember chalk) they then take on another few hours after school to allow our students to compete. You are truly awesome.

Added to this list of thanks I must also give a vote of thanks to you the parents who also manage or coach teams or who transport (The Taxi Service) students to various venues. Well done to you all.

Events still to come:

- Box Car Rally
- Year 7 Swim Programme
- 9 and 10 PASS Surfing
- The College Carols

Have a great weekend.

Bullying: Mr Matthew Lumb - School Counsellor

Arndell Anglican College is participating in a research project being conducted by Sally Fitzpatrick, who is undertaking a Doctor of Psychology at Macquarie University, on 27th and 28th November 2007. The research, titled *Peer Friendship and Relational Bullying* will examine how peer friendship may serve as a protective factor against relational bullying. Relational bullying differs from physical bullying (hitting or pushing) and verbal bullying (calling names) by focussing on behaviours which are intended to cause harm to others by spreading rumours, gossiping, excluding others from the group, or by ignoring them. Students in years 7 and 9 will be invited to participate. If you give consent for your child to participate, he/she will be asked to complete a 50 minute questionnaire during school hours. Passive consent will be used in this study. This means that unless you advise us that you **do NOT** want your child to participate, we will conclude that you agree to your child's participation. To cover these two approaches, consent forms will be sent home and if you **do NOT** wish your child to participate in the study, you will be asked to return the form to the school. If you are willing for your child to participate, you will not be required to return the form. You are encouraged to discuss this research with your child prior to the information sheet and consent form being sent home.

Arndell Anglican College Director

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 (3.30-5.30pm)

Equestrian: <http://www.arndell.nsw.edu.au>
Donna Pellew
0417 774 545

P & F President: Tina Andersen (Waltho)
0414 634 453

Vice President: Mrs Liz Moore
4572 3254
Tuesday/Thursday
8.30-10.30am/2.30-4.pm

Uniform Shop: Monday-Friday
(Recess/Lunch)

Canteens:

Arndell Community Church: Pastor Greg Peisley
4572 3633/0402 278 483
Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday

Remote Document Access: <http://rds.arndell.nsw.edu.au>

DATES FOR 2007:

Term 4 - 2007

Friday 7 December – **College Carols**
Monday 10 December - **Infants Presentation**
Tuesday 11 December **Primary School Presentation**
Tuesday 11 December – **Term 4 finishes**
Wednesday 12 December **Senior School Presentation**

Term 1 – 2008

Wednesday 30 January - **commences for Yrs 7, 11 & 12 students only**
Thursday 31 Jan. **remaining students**
Thursday 20 March – **Staff Development Day**
Thursday 20 March – Monday 24 March – **Easter Break**
Friday 11 April – **Term 1 finishes**

Term 2 – 2008

Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June

Term 3 – 2008

Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September

Term 4 – 2008

Monday 13 October – Wednesday 10 December
Friday 5 December - **College Carols**
Tuesday 9 December - **Infants Presentation**
Wednesday 10 December - **Primary School Presentation**
Thursday 11 December - **Senior School Presentation.**

Dates For College Camps . . .

The dates for the camps are as follows:

Year 10 Waterslea,

Nowra

Mon 19th Nov - Wed 21st 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

Lost Property:

A system operates in the College which, when operating smoothly ensures the prompt return of lost items to students. The task of returning lost items is made virtually impossible when items do not have student names clearly marked upon them. It is the responsibility of students and parents to ensure that every item students bring to school is clearly marked; in the High School with the students name and home room number, and in the Junior School with the student's name. Due to the exponentially increasing number of items appearing in Lost Property any item which is not clearly labelled will be deemed to belong to no one and will be returned to the Uniform Shop automatically for re-sale. Regards.

Mr. O. Laffin

INAUGURAL ARNDELL COLLEGE WACKY RACES BOX CAR RALLY

Wednesday 28th November. 12.35 – 3.00pm
Inter Homeroom Box car Relay Race
Entertainment, BBQ, Race Spectacular

Help our Farmers

"Help our Farmers Appeal".

Donations can be left at the Parent Reception office. They will be every Friday and deliver them to Kurrajong and organise the hampers to be packed and sent to Wellington just before Christmas. I am very grateful for anything you have to offer.
My contact number is: 0414 844 664 – Wanda Tekiela

Bus & Train Passes 2008:

An Application Form for Subsidised Travel will need to be completed for Students who are:

- Entering Kindergarten
- Progressing from Year 2 into Year 3
- Progressing from Year 6 into Year 7
- Changing School
- Changing Address

Application Forms are available from Student Services and should be completed and returned by **Wednesday 28th November 2007.**

Travel Passes for all other students will automatically be reissued.

Tcards are valid for 4 years – please do not throw your current Tcard out!

Information for the Advocate needs to be emailed to enquiries@arndell.nsw.edu.au by Tuesdays 4pm.



Second Hand Textbook Sales Day: Mrs Connie Stephens - Head of Library Services.

The opportunity for students and parents to resell and purchase second-hand textbooks is available to you on:

**Saturday, 24 November & Saturday, 1 December
from 10am – 12:00pm
on the Junior Library Verandah**

Library staff will be available on both days for advice if needed. You will need to bring along plenty of change because it is always a problem when you are buying from many sellers. We always have more people wanting to buy than sell so I encourage anyone with current old textbooks to sell to consider attending. Please check the campion.com.au website to see which books are still on the textbook lists to sell.

Text book Lists for 2008: Mr Charles - Textbook Co-ordinator

Due back to the college by the **4th December 2007**. Orders can also be placed on line @ www.campion.com.au and follow the prompts to Arndell.

- Year 8 2008 are on yellow forms
- Year 9 2008 are on blue forms
- Year 10 2008 are on green forms
- Year 11 2008 are on pink forms.
- Year 7 2008 were distributed to students on the open day.

Second hand texts can be bought and sold on Saturday 24 Nov. and on 1 Dec. on the C block veranda from 10 am to 12 noon. Please ensure that you only purchase the specified edition of the required texts.

Stationery lists for Senior Students can be viewed from the Parent Portal/News and Alerts on the Arndell Homepage website.



BUY ONE & GET ONE FREE

LIBRARY BOOKFAIR

FROM: Friday 30 November

UNTIL: Wednesday 5 December

WHEN: 2:45 pm - 3:30pm

WHERE: Junior School Library Verandah

Come down and buy some great Scholastic books at 50% of their usual price. Great chance to collect some Christmas gifts. This is not a school fundraiser but is offered by the library as a service to you.

Mrs Connie Stephens

Senior School Sports Desk:

AICES WaterPolo

The following students represented Arndell in the Hills Zone Water Polo teams competing at the AICES championships on Wednesday 14th November at Homebush. Grant Donaldson, Hayden Collins, Ian Dewhurst, Ian McKelvey and Troy Edwards. Jessica Oppy, Ellen Nicholls and Abbey Garland. The boys team finished 2nd, whilst the girls finished 4th. This was the first opportunity for our students to compete in Water Polo and the boys also filled in for the CDSSA team who were short of players. Congratulations to Hayden Collins who was one of 3 Hills Zone swimmers selected for the AICES merit team to play at the CIS championships.

AICES Golf Championship Day

Friday 30th November at Tuggerah Lakes Golf Club. Final information regarding the day will be given to students who have nominated to play early next week.

Thank You: Prue Stever - Fete Co-ordinator

A Big Thank You to everyone for your contribution to our School Fete (family fun day) last Saturday, whether you participated, volunteered, donated or organised. It was a huge school community event, our biggest & best so far. We raised somewhere in the vicinity of \$7500.00.

Special thanks to the committee for their time and dedication: Kerry Butler, Sharon Cupit, Sharon Fitzgerald, Anna Giarrantano, Megan Mansfield, Cheryl Mount, Suzanne Glinn, Di Elven & Paula Rodgers. A fantastic job done by a small dedicated group.

Events like this would not be so successful without the contributions and donations of a lot of people. Thank you to:

Phil & Anna MacDonald – vegetables	Bernie Stever – chocolate wheel
Buffy Tolson – mushrooms	Jim Webb – MC
Colleen Turnbull – beautiful hand made quilt	All the plant stall helpers & donators
Ken Sandell – sound system	Craft stall holders
Dr & Mrs Goddard – book stall	Smart Steppers
Janyne Hunter & Leslie McGuire – cake stall	KT Dancers
Adrian & the ground staff	Wayne Miller Karate Group
Senior science department – colourful chemistry & rockets	All our Five Minutes of Fame performers
	Students & teachers – Kids Art & Craft

Junior School Parents, if you didn't make it to the Fete you are still able to purchase your child's art or craft work from their classroom teacher for \$5.00 during the next two weeks.



Brainteaser

Number 35

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.

**Rearrange the following letters to form a well-known proverb.
THINKER HITS OIL OTHERWISE**

Answer to brainteaser 34: Episcopal.



Arndell Community Church

Christmas @ Arndell



Friday Dec 7th **College Carols & Lessons**

Sunday 16th Dec 7pm **CAROLS ON THE LAWN at Pitt Town!**

(This Year at Pitt Town Anglican Church grounds Bathurst St)

Christmas Day Tuesday 10am in the PAB

ALL WELCOME!

www.arndell.org.au. We meet every Sunday. 10 @Arndell PAB & 6pm@ Pitt Town