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From The Headmaster: *Dr John Goddard*

I wonder how many of you had the opportunity to see on ABC Television a few days ago, a program on "The Choir of Hard Knocks". Tracing their build -up to a concert in the Sydney Opera House, the program told us many things that are crucial to life in a school such as ours:

- There are indeed hard knocks in life, physical, emotional and psychological; and most of the choir members were determined not to be bowed down by the knocks they received, though they could not erase them.
- Actions can have consequences. Two of the choir broke the rules and were sent home. They missed a performance of which they desperately wanted to be a part: but justice was done and a bitter lesson learned.
- So we think we have problems! The kinds of disadvantage suffered by many of the choristers were extreme, but they plugged on. They needed help: we can help and overcome all kinds of disadvantage, given a positive attitude and co-operation.
- Music is wonderful therapy – need I say more!

If you can get hold of the program, take a look at it: in its own unusual way, it was inspiring.

I am deeply into the report season at the moment. It is an activity I enjoy, because as well as gaining an excellent over all snapshot of each year group, I gain valuable information about many individuals. I think parents sometimes forget, in the rush towards Christmas, that even the end of year report may merit discussion. If there are matters you want to raise about your child's report, please get in touch.

In going back through records of this year and planning next year's calendar, I have been struck by the huge number of sporting occasions and opportunities offered to Arndell students this year – and taken up so successfully by them: Gala Days, regular competitions, representative carnivals to mention only some. To all staff, and to the legion of parent helpers, who make the sporting program possible, a very big thank you for the work you have put in; and to Mr Nathan Walker and Mrs Rosemary Cornick, on behalf of all of us, our very grateful thanks, for you are the two who keep the huge sports enterprise turning over. Many of our students thrive on – indeed, need! – the sports we offer to round out their lives, and it is wonderful that they have so many opportunities in this area.

Some of the great things of the Christmas story happen to the ordinary people, like the shepherds: "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened", they say. (Luke 2:15). May I invite all of you to "come and see this thing that has happened": Find out about it, through carols, services, the Bible. It is a most remarkable thing", this birth of Jesus!

Dates for the Diary:

Monday, 3 Dec:

Yrs 3-10 LEAP Incursion

Tuesday, 4 Dec:

Rouse Hill Presentation Day
Handbells Performing at Riverview
Shopping Centre – Windsor
2pm and 4pm

Wednesday, 5 Dec:

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

Thursday, 6 Dec:

Yr 6 Dinner Dance – Stage 3 Area
Choir Performing at Riverview Shopping
Centre – Windsor 3.45pm & 6pm

Friday, 7 Dec:

Snr. School Assembly
7pm – College Carols in the PA Bld.

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 - Gym

Monday 28 January 2008

Australia Day Holiday

Wednesday 30 January 2008

TERM 1 COMMENCES for
Yrs 7, 11 & 12 Students only

Thursday 31 January 2008

Remaining Students to Commence
Term 1

P & F Tea and Tissues – Welcome to new
Parents
Textbook Distribution for Years 8 – 11 in
The Gym.

Friday, 1 February 2008

Snr. School Chapel

Reminder

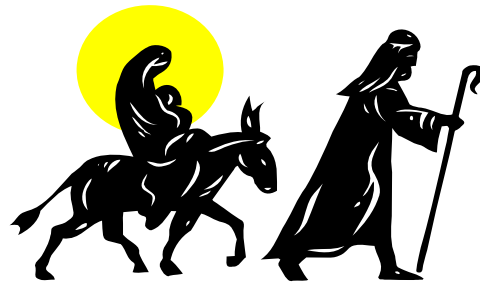
Carol Service:

Friday, 7 December

7.00pm

Auditorium

Don't miss it:



Christmas is coming and so is The Hustle and Bustle:

Graeme Sedorenko (Chaplain of Arndell).



"Sure, I'll buy a watch. You take plastic?"

I wonder how much debt the people of Australia will be in when Christmas 2007 is over. In October Australians owed 21.5 billion on credit cards. If we manage to continue with the yearly trend it will be higher than that after Christmas.

I reckon it would be nice if the banks decided to charge no interest on credit cards for any purchase that was for a gift to another person. Fat chance! I don't think the banks are into the Christmas spirit. Oh – sorry they are very giving – they will give you all the credit you want. Then again, why should they give free loans? Imagine the increase of people using and perhaps abusing that sort of system.



All the hustle and bustle always leaves me wondering why we bother so much. I mean, yes it is important to give and celebrate. Yes it is nice to rest and holiday. Yes it is nice to catch up with family and friends and chew the fat. Yes it is nice to eat, roast pork, lamb, chicken, turkey, and smoked ham, and lets not forget the sea food (and eat it) prawns, crab, lobster and fish. Notice that I left out the salads, even though they are nice, but we men love our meat. All the hustle and bustle easily detracts from the real meaning.



Over Christmas, when eating the food you love most, or catching up with the ones you love most, or giving to the ones you love most, remember that Jesus is all about love. Remember that true love is never wishy washy emotional manipulation, rather it is tough, willing to work and is committed even when it is painfully hard.

- L is for Liberation from sin by the Christ-Child. It is a tough love, to die for another's sin.
- O is for open your heart to Him Who saves! Close your heart and you're on your own.
- V is for the Victim and Victor of our Salvation, Jesus!
- E is for Emmanuel (God with us) and Evangelism – because His love stirs us to action

From the Head of the Junior School: Mr Rick Harrison

As I write, both Headstart and the swimming programme are drawing to a close and preparations for end of year events are well under way. We have the Carol Service next Friday commencing at 7:00pm and Year Six will enjoy a visit to a Wave Pool on Wednesday, with their Dinner Dance on Thursday.

Parents who have been involved in assisting the Junior School in any way during the course of the year should, in the near future, receive an invitation to our Thank you Afternoon Tea. This is a small way for the Junior School staff to show their appreciation of all the help that is received from parents. Our memories are not perfect however, so if you have helped in any way and have not received an invitation, please come along. The afternoon tea will be held on Wednesday, 5th December in the area between the Administration block and the Staff Common room starting at 2:15pm. This is a combined event – members of the P&F are also invited.

You should all have received order forms for next year's textbooks. Please note that they should be returned to the College by Tuesday, 4th December.

A reminder too about the arrangements for the Junior School presentation events. As has been the case for the last few years, we will be holding two presentation events. The first of these will be for K-2 and will be held in the Performing Arts Centre on Monday, 10th December commencing at 1:30pm. The Primary classes will take part in their Presentation Evening on Tuesday, 11th December commencing at 7:00pm also in the Performing Arts Centre.

Vacation Care will be running again this year, bridging the gap between the end of term for us and the beginning of other vacation care facilities: 12th – 21st December. If you wish to book your children for some or all of this time, a form is available from Student Services. Bookings for Vacation Care should be made by 10th December.

- Motiv8sports: 19th – 21st December) Please call 8814 7729 or go to www.motiv8sports.com.au to reserve your child's position.

Arndell Anglican College Director

Headmaster: Dr. John Goddard
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Head of Snr School: Mr James Webb
Head of Junior School: Mr Rick Harrison
Director of Studies: Mrs Raewyn Dean
Chaplain: Rev. Graeme Sedorenko
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After School Care: 0407 474 161 (3.30-5.30pm)
Equestrian: <http://www.arndell.nsw.edu.au>
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0417 774 545
Vice President: Tina Andersen (Waltho)
0414 634 453
Uniform Shop: Mrs Liz Moore
4572 3254
Tuesday/Thursday
8.30-10.30am/2.30-4.pm
Canteens: Monday-Friday
(Recess/Lunch)
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

Final Assembly:

School Certificate Presentation
to **Year 10 students**
Tuesday, December 11, 1.30pm
(Parents please be seated by 1.20pm)
Auditorium, Performing Arts Centre

The final senior school Assembly includes a presentation of School Certificate results to all in Year 10.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

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 the end of the School year.**

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, 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.

Thank You

To all peer tutors and their parents or guardians,
You are invited to a thank you celebration in the form of an **afternoon tea**, put on by the grateful students, that peer tutors have helped, and their parents. Parents are also invited to help us celebrate the worthy service that peer tutors have been involved in.

Date: Tuesday 2nd December

Time: 12.40pm

Place: Back Verandah of the Food Tech building

Parking: Enter near the Tennis Courts and follow through to the back carpark.



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.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS: Mrs Elizabeth Moore - Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

- The **last day** the uniform shop will be open this year will be:-

TUESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2007
8.30am – 10.30am & 2.30pm – 4.00pm

- Additional** opening times for JANUARY 2008 will be:-

THURSDAY, 24 JANUARY 2008
9.00am – 12.00pm
AND
TUESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2008
8.30am – 10.30am and 2.00pm – 4.00pm

- Normal** uniform shop opening times will resume from
THURSDAY, 31st JANUARY 2008
8.30am – 10.30am & 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Please note that during these additional opening times in January it is likely to be extremely busy in the Uniform Shop. It has also been difficult in the past to get extra volunteer help for these days and consequently, despite our best efforts, there have been delays in being served. To alleviate this problem, it is suggested that parents plan ahead as much as possible for their children's uniform requirements by visiting the uniform shop before the end of Term 4. Also having additional volunteers rostered on would minimize waiting times greatly, so if any parents could spare a couple of hours on any one of the above days, it would be greatly appreciated (no experience necessary!). Please call the Uniform Shop on 4572 3254 or drop in if you feel you can help in any way.



Brainteaser

Number 36

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.

Three fish have a total weight of 15 pounds. The lightest is one quarter the weight of the other two together, and the heaviest is one pound less than the weight of the other two together. How much does each fish weigh?

Answer to brainteaser 35: Strike while the iron is hot.



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