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From The Headmaster:

A very warm welcome to the new term to all students, parents and friends of the College. I trust that the last couple of weeks have provided ample time for a refreshing break and re-charging of the batteries. We can now all look forward to another busy and productive term.

HSC Results and UAI Scores

At the Year 11, 2008 Information evening held late last term, a question was asked (it has been asked in other years too) which reflects a serious misunderstanding concerning how students' results and UAI scores are arrived at. The question was like this:

> "But aren't Arndell students scaled down when it comes to calculating University entry scores?"

The answer, which cannot be said too loudly is NO!! - and neither is any other school. For UAI rankings, each student state-wide is treated individually, not as part of a school's group. Let me explain this simply if I can.

- 1. A student earns an HSC mark, in each subject, based on their performance in school-based assessments and their performance in the final state-wide exam, 50:50. In order to maintain fair parity between schools, each school's in-school assessments (per subject) are moderated depending on how well the students in a given subject do on the state-wide exam. This is fair and reasonable and prevents schools from gaining an advantage for their students simply by marking too leniently. This process is undertaken by the NSW Board of Studies.
- 2. Students' HSC results are sent to UAC (the Universities' joint admission authority) and it is they who create the UAI scores, or ranks. They compare each student's (of 50,000 or so) scores in each subject with every other student's scores in every subject and by so doing they scale the subjects on a state-wide (not on a school by school) basis. This is how it is that 80% in Maths Extension 2 scores more UAI points than 80% in Standard English, for example. All students' scores are compared in this way, their marks are scaled on a state-wide basis; their scaled marks are added and then converted into a merit order list. The top 20 (or so) students on this list get a UAI of 100; the next 30 (or so) get 99.95, and so on. The school you come from does not enter into the UAI calculations in any way at all. Schools themselves are not ranked – only individual students, based on their individual performances.

I hope this is helpful to you; please feel free to approach me, or Mrs Dean, or one of the Heads of Department, if you want to discuss this further. It is important, in my view, that misconception on such a subject does not go uncorrected.

Quite a large handful of students (in Year 7-12) were not at school on the last day of Term 2 to collect their semester reports. They have been asked to come to Admin to collect them this week: if your child has not yet done so, please give them a very firm reminder to do so. You need to have the reports in front of you before the Parent/Teacher night is

On Monday - Wednesday of the first week of the holidays, all teachers were at school for 3 days' intensive work, mostly directed towards preparation for our Board of Studies inspection early in

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 23 July

Phone:

School Sport Photos –Full Winter Sport Uniform

Tuesday 24 July

Years 7-9 Parent/Teacher Student Interviews (A-K) K-12 Mufti Day Jnr. School. Book Week

Wednesday 25 July

School Photos - Full Winter School Uniform

Thursday 26 July

Yr 12 Science Exc. – Water Treatment Works Yr 10 PASS In-class Assessment Task

Friday 27 July

Snr. School Assembly Yr 10 PASS In-class Assessment Task

Monday 30 July

Yr 7-9 Parent/Teacher Student Interviews (L-Z) Jnr. School Incursion - Opera Australia Yr 10 PASS In-class Assessment Task

Tuesday 31 July

Yrs 3 and 5 - Basic Skills Testing Yr 9 AFL Incursion

Wednesday 1 August

CSSA State Gymnastics Snr. School Athletics Carnival - Olympic Pk.

Thursday 2 August

Snr. School Athletics Carnival 1/2 day Yr 10 P.A.S.S. (Indoor Rock Climbing)

Friday 3 August

CSSA Zone Athletics Carnival - Narrabeen Yr 7 Hepatitis B/Varicella Vaccinations Snr. School Chapel **HSC Creative Arts Showcase Evening** Yrs 3 and 5 Basic Skills Testing

Monday 6 August

Yr 9 G & W AFL Incursion

2008. It was a most productive time, and it had room for some other discussions too, and an end of semester service.

In our work for the inspections, we might almost have been responding to the words of 1 Peter 1: 139, or the first part of it, at any rate.

"Prepare you minds for action: be self-controlled,

set your hope fully on the grace to be given to you when Jesus Christ is revealed."

John Goddard

The Surreal and The Reality



During the last school holidays I had the privilege of going to a small Fijian Island named Matamanoa. It is a delightful island that was surrounded with natural beauty, a peaceful atmosphere, and welcoming people. One of the highlights was meeting people from European Countries and communicating with them. Another highlight was the snorkelling over, around, and beside the coral reef, which was about fifty meters off shore from our door step.

Snorkelling was like entering another world, a hidden world. When you sat on the island and overlooked the reef, it was there but it was hidden. However, once goggles, flippers and snorkel were fitted the hidden world was open, revealed, and the display of colour and marine life danced with the ocean rhythm. For me, the experience was surreal, a bit like what movie makers and book writers try to deliver.





They try to open up another world. Take Harry Potter, or The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe; both authors try to open up another world and both movies based on the books provide the surreal in a way that one wants to be part of another more glorious magical world.

The experience of swimming over the coral reef once again reminded me of the reality of another world. A world, that is very much a reality, and one that I will participate in, and where the surreal will not be a fantasy but a reality. The Lord's Prayer begins like this "Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name." As a Christian I am convinced that God is in heaven, and heaven is a place where things that we imagine to be surreal - are real. However, unless one knows God through his Son Jesus, they cannot see this other world. It is like viewing the coral reef at a distance, never

seeing the reality. The Christian sees the reality of heaven because they have put the goggles on and know that there is another world hidden from many people.

Graeme Sedorenko – School Chaplain

From the Deputy's Desk:

Welcome to term 3 - and a cold start it has been.

On that note – It is crucial that students are dressed to keep out the winter chills. However our College uniform does not need to be compromised by a vast array of – multi coloured scarves, multi-coloured gloves or for that matter beanies. Added to this the College tracksuit top is to be worn as part of the PE uniform and not part of the formal uniform.

College Photographs.

- Monday 23rd Sport Photographs. Students are to attend in full PE uniform
- Tuesday 24th Mufti Day in an attempt to keep the formal uniform clean and tidy.
- Wednesday 25th Formal Photos.

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately. That we do not need to carry boxes of wipes to remove make-up or brushes to flatten down 'Big Hair'. In the grand scheme of things the issue of uniform and make-up takes up far too much of our valuable time. Remember as parents you signed on to the College knowing the requirements so it is up to you to support us. The Formal photographs are what memories are made of. Let us all be proud to be a part of this great place.

Year 10 Excursion to Collaroy.

My thanks to Mrs. Woodward and Ms. Windon for inviting me to be a part of the excursion. May I publicly congratulate both the staff and the students on what was a great day. Our students were exemplary in both attitude and behaviour.

Have a great weekend

James Webb

From The Head of the Junior School:

Welcome to Term Three. We are looking forward to an exciting term with excursions, visiting performers, the Life Education van and Grandparents' Day keeping everyone busy and involved. The Basic Skills Test will be held on Tuesday the 31st July and Friday the 3rd of August. Please note that this second date has changed (previously the 2nd August), due to a clash with our Zone Athletics Carnival. Parents of children in Years Three and Five should ensure that children are at school on both days.

I am sure that most of you will have already heard the wonderful news: the birth of Toby Edward Gange (another boy!) at 2:21am on the 15/7/07. 3.02kg, 52cm. Mother and child doing well. Congratulations to Rebecca and Michael.

The weather managed to be just about perfect for our Primary Athletics Carnival on Wednesday of this week. Quite different from the very wet weather of last term which required its postponement. I was impressed, as always, by the enthusiasm of our students in competing and cheering on their peers. A big thank you to all of those competitors, the staff and parents who acted as officials and to Mr Walker for his organisation of the event.

Some of you will know that every year the Junior School enters two teams in the NSW Junior Chess League Primary Schools Chess Teams Competition, one at Championship level and the other at Rookie level. This year there were not enough Rookie teams so the two divisions have a mixture of Championship and Rookie teams. Our two teams have played well this year, with Arndell "A" currently in second place in their division while Arndell "B" (our rookie team) are doing well, midfield in their division.

Monday and Wednesday of next week are photo days. On **Monday sports photographs** will be taken. To simplify matters, **all** children in the Primary classes should come to school in their sports uniforms. The exception will be the Lego Robotics group, who should come in their normal winter uniform – if students are in sports photographs as well they will need to bring their sports uniform to change into. Infants children should come in normal winter uniform. **Tuesday will be a mufti day** with a gold coin donation for the Northern Territory trip. On **Wednesday all students should come to school in full (and immaculate!) winter uniform**.

I have been informed that there has been some difficulty with students in Years 4 to 6 remembering to bring their musical instruments to school on the appropriate days; often because, for some reason, they thought that music wasn't on, because it was the first week of term, the last week of term or some other obscure reason. So could I enlist the support of all parents of students in Years 4 to 6 to remind our budding musicians to bring along their drumsticks and guitars every Monday and Band instruments every Tuesday. While on this topic, remember that 10 minutes of practice, twice a week, is an absolute minimum for all of the above.

Some dates to remember:

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

Rick Harrison

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.

Elizabeth Moore – Uniform shop Co-ordinator



Brainteaser

Number 20

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.

What three letters can be placed in front of each of these words to form a new word? Sport, Sword, Sage, Sable, Time.

Answer to brainteaser 19: Parental, Paternal, Prenatal.

2007 "Sew - In"

When: Wednesday 8th August

Time: 9am – 2

Morning Tea and Lunch will be served

Where: Senior Library

Arndell Anglican College

We will be sewing squares together to make wraps for 'Wrap with Love' Finished squares can be delivered to Student Services at the College.

For catering purposes please phone the College on 45723633 by Friday 3rd August.

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.

Arndell Anglican College Directory

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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 Counsellor: Mr Matthew Lumb After School Care: 0407 474 161 (3.30-5.30pm)

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Tuesday/Thursday 8.30-10.30am/2.30-4.pm

Arndell Community

Canteens:

Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch)

Pastor Greg Peisley Church:

4572 3633/0402 278 483 Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday

Remote Document

http://rds.arndell.nsw.edu.au Access:

DATES FOR 2007

Term 3: Monday 16 July - Friday 28 Sept.

Yrs 7 – 9 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (Surname A - K) Tuesday 24 July Yrs 7 – 9 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

(Surname L-Z) Monday 30 July

Term 4: Tuesday 16 Oct. - Tuesday 11 Dec.

Friday 7 December

Monday 10 December

College Carols: Infants Presentation

Afternoon:

Primary School Presentation: Tuesday 11 December

Senior School

Wednesday 12 December Presentation:

Term 1 - 2008 Commences Tuesday 29 January

DATES FOR COLLEGE CAMPS ...

The dates for the camps are as follows:

Year 8 Somerset Camp,

Tues 4th Sept - Thur 6th Sept Colo

Year 10 Waterslea,

Mon 19th Nov - Wed 21st Nov Nowra





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

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews:

Bookings can be made now. The dates are:

Years 7-9 (Surnames A-K): Tuesday 24 July Years 7-9 (Surnames L-Z): Monday 30 July

Booking Arrangements:

- Parents may email or ring the school to make bookings with staff. Please have all your child's teachers' names ready to make these bookings.
- 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: Bookings will close at 12mid-day the day prior to your child's designated interview date.

Year 12 Showcase Evening 2007

You are cordially invited to attend a display of Year 12 HSC Major Works by the students of Arudell Anglican College.

The subjects featured are:

Drama, Information Technology, Visual Art,

The evening will be held on

Friday, 3rd August, 2007

Commencing with a display of works from 6pm and then Drama performances and Information Technology presentations at 7 pm. Cost of entry is \$5 per person

Please come to see the talents of our Year 12 students as displayed in their Major Works for the HSC

Parent Portal & School Newsletter

Parents will receive details for using and accessing our new parent portal in the mail shortly. In the envelope you will also find information about our News & Alerts Service, which is replacing our printed newsletter. Should you not receive this information by early next week at the latest, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Rohan Smith - Coordinator IT Services

St Matthew's Anglican Church

Moses Street Windsor

Art and Craft Fair 20 - 22 July, 2007

Gala opening: Friday 7.30pm (\$5 including refreshments)

Saturday: 10 – 4pm (\$3.00) **Sunday**: 11 – 4pm (\$3.00)

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS DESK

College Sport Photos:

Monday July 23rd. Full College winter PE uniform and track suit is to be worn.

ONLY students in events listed below are allowed to wear PE uniform all day and to and from school.

Students who participated in any Inter School Sport team. Represented the College in any Hills Zone Championship: Golf, Tennis, Basketball, AFL. Represented at either Hills Zone Swimming or Cross Country carnivals. Represented as a Hills Zone, AICES or CIS team member.

Monday 23rd July - Junior Rugby Union.

Home game against Hills Grammar School at 4pm. Spectators are most welcome. Spectators will have to watch from the H Block side of the oval behind the tree line.

Hills Zone Inter School Sport

All Hills Zone Sport restarts the week beginning Monday 23rd July.

Trimester 3 Inter School Sports:

Touch Football: Boys: Junior, Inter & Senior on Wednesdays, Girls: Junior, Inter & Senior on Tuesday

Hockey: Open Boys 6 a side on Thursday

Outdoor Cricket: Junior & Senior Boys on Tuesday

Softball: Girls: Junior & Senior **Tennis**: Mixed: Junior (7&8)

These sports will commence week beginning 3rd September. Sign on sheets will be posted in week 2.

Upcoming Representative Trials:

AICES 15s Cricket Boys nominations by October 16th, trials October 29th at SCG. Girls 21st September, trials 18th & 28th October

AICES Waterpolo boys & girls nominations by 17th October, trials 1st November

AICES 15s Tennis Singles 19th October, nomination date TBC.

AICES Softball Girls 13th November, nomination date TBC

CIS Baseball nominations due 31st October

For further information please see/ring Mrs Cornick or check the sports notice board.

CIS Athletics Extra Events:

The following events will be held at the CIS Athletics carnival and not at either Hills Zone or AICES. Students who want to nominate need to provide official verified times and distances to Mrs Cornick by September 3rd.

Extra Events include:

Hurdles 12yr B&G &13G 80m; 13B, 14G & 15G 90m Hurdles; 14B, 15B, 16 & 17G 100m Hurdles; 16, 17 & 18B 110m Hurdles.

3000m RaceWalk: Girls 13 - 19yrs, 3000m Race Walk Boys 13 - 19 yrs

Pole Vault: Boys & girls 14 – 19yrs

Hammer Throw: Boys & Girls 14 – 19 yrs

Holiday Sporting Success:

Congratulations to both Danica (yr7) & Nathanial Barbagello(yr11) who both competed in the NSW Country Tennis Championships. Danica reached the quarter finals in the 14yrs Singles and Nathanial finished runners up in the doubles and reached the quarter finals in the 16yrs Singles.

PE Winter Uniform

Students are reminded that during the cold winter terms the uniform is PE shirt, PE shorts, College track suit top <u>and</u> bottoms, sport socks & joggers and HAT. All items should be clearly named and are available from the Uniform shop. Lost property is over flowing with numerous items of lost PE uniform.

The College jumper and non uniform items are not permitted to be worn.

Students who represent the College in sport during the winter terms are expected to wear the College track suit and **NOT** their College jumper.

FROM: SYDNEY WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

Weight status of school-aged children in Sydney West Area Health Service.

Arndell Anglican College has been asked to be involved in a survey with the Sydney West Area Health Service concerning the problem of children being overweight which has had lots of coverage in the media. To find out whether this is a problem for our local community, the Sydney West Area Health Service is measuring the height, weight and waist circumference of students in local schools. Students in Year 4 and 7 are invited to participate in this health check. In high schools the project is being undertaken simultaneously with the school based immunisation clinics. However, students can be measured even if they are not being immunised.

Further details will be sent home with students next week. Please support this important project by agreeing to let your child participate in it. All consent forms must be signed and returned to the school by Monday 30 July 2007, irrespective of whether or not your child is participating in the project. This is different from the immunisation program.

If you have any further questions or comments regarding this program please call Joanne Stubbs or Helen Achat on 9840 3603

REMINDER - SCHOOL PHOTO DAYS

Monday 23 July - Full Winter Sports Uniform

- 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.

Famíly Photos - Wednesday 25 July

• Students will need to go to the school gym at lunch to have their family photos taken.

Senior School Athletics Carnival

All students should have received their information letter this week.

Anticipated Order of events

The Senior School Athletics Carnival will be held across two days. The program has been split:

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN VENUE: Blacktown Olympic Park - Eastern Way - ROOTY HILL

Wed 1st August – Blacktown Olympic Park

Thurs 2nd August – Arndell College

Shot Put - Discus Long Jump – Javelin – by invitation only All track events High Jump – by invitation only

Times for Wednesday 1st August

8:45am - Running of 1500m events (or as soon as bus arrives)

9:15am - welcome and opening prayer

9:30am – start of field events / 200m (or as soon as buses arrive)

Track and Field events will be operating at the same time

There are no allocated time slots for field events. Students can rotate to each nominated field event when they choose. There are specified areas for boys and girls.

When track events are called, students participate in their race and then move back to a field event.

Order of Track Events

- 1. Open 1500m Boys and Girls
- 2. 200m
- 3. 800m
- 4. 100m
- 5. 400m
- 6. Relays



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 item 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.

Father and Daughter Weekend

August $24^{th} - 26^{th}$ 2007

ONLY 24 PLACES SO BOOK NOW!!!!!

Kurrajong Trails and Cottages



- Father & Daughter Challenge
- Bush walking
- Swimming
- Great fellowship
- Movie on the big screen
- Nice and close to home
- Cooking contest

CORPORATION COMPARED

SEAFOOD NIGHT -optional

Things to bring

- Food in not supplied so you will need to bring food for you and your daughter/s.
- Your own towels
- Bring some board games
- Swimmers
- DVD's
- Girl's Make

COST: Only \$60pp for the weekend.

If you would like to participate in the big Seafood dinner on Saturday night please tick the box below. Cost: \$15 per adult, \$5 per student.

Please return to the Administration office with a \$60 deposit clearly marked attention Mr Lumb

Name:	Age of people coming:
Address:	Contact #:
Email Address:	Yes/No I would like to have seafood
People eating seafood:	

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	R/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 provide	ed), advertising at all College events in 2007 & One	

Complimentary Player for Gold Sponsorship at Golf Day