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## *From The Headmaster: Dr John Goddard*

From the College Council, and from all of us on the staff at Arndell, a very warm and vigorous

### Welcome to 2008

We have students new in every year in the school, including two in Year 12, and we trust that, whether students are joining us for one year or for thirteen, they will have a fulfilling and a stimulating and a satisfying time with us in every respect. And to all parents and carers, a very big welcome to you; my wish is that you will all want to be a part of the Arndell adventure on which your children are embarked, by joining in parents' activities and by being at events in which the students take part: please join with us because, after all, you are giving us the great privilege of joining with you in providing the best in education for your children.

The holiday work this year has not been in terms of a new building to use but in terms of technology: a huge roll out of hardware, including the placement of 16 Smartboards throughout the school. These interactive boards are designed not simply so that old things can be done more efficiently (though they do achieve that) but so that teaching/learning activities can be carried out in new ways. We have placed them so that they are available in every faculty and stage. They are not available as one in every room, though we will get to that over the next couple of years; but we hope that, by judicious use of rooms, all of our students will have at least some exposure to them this year. In the introduction I have been given to them so far, I have found the Smartboard to be great fun and a most enriching tool in the amount and variety of content it allows one to absorb into a lesson. We look forward to your feedback! May I thank most particularly Mr. Rohan Smith and Mr. Nathan Mares, who have spent countless holiday hours with the installation of all our new equipment; they provide a most remarkable service to the College.

At the end of 2007 we farewelled a number of staff and I was able to list several of the replacements for you. Here is a full list and I trust that all parents and students will join with me in extending a joyful welcome to these new Colleagues in the school:

Mr. Frank O'Brien, English and Music

Miss. Marian Dunbar, Mathematics

Mrs. Colleen Kofron, HSIE

Ms. Carolyn Turner, French

Mr. Graeme Smith, Head of Mathematics

Mrs. Elmarie Filmlter, Science

Ms. Brigette Soenen, Art/English/PE

Miss Sarah Cooney, Kindergarten

Mr. Gerry Hallam, Ground/Maintenance

We are also delighted to welcome back Mrs Elissa Hayden (nee Lincoln) from leave in the TAS Department. We wish Mrs Michelle Wilson well in her role as Head of Performing Arts this year whilst Mrs Miles is on leave. We will also be farewelling in the next few weeks Mr. Matthew Lumb, College Counsellor, who is moving to a position in the Northern Territory, and Ms. Helen Rodwell, who will be moving to Loreto Kirribilli. We wish those two colleagues very well in the exciting time ahead and thank them for the wonderful contributions they have made to Arndell.

## *Dates for the Diary:*

Thursday, 7 February  
Jnr. School HICES Leadership Day

Friday, 8 February  
AICES Tennis at Concord  
Senior School Assembly

Monday, 11 February  
HZ – Trimester 1 Competition begins  
ID Photographs for new Students

Monday 11 to 15 February  
VET Work Placement

Tuesday 12, February  
HZ – Girls Basketball Gala Day

Wednesday, 13 February  
HZ – Boys Basketball Gala Day

Thursday, 14 February  
Jnr. School – Information Evening

Friday, 15 February  
AICES Open Tennis – Concord  
Snr. School Chapel

Tuesday 19 February  
CSSA & Super 8's (Cricked) – Mobbs Reserve

Thursday 21 February  
Yr 10 Geography Ex.

Friday 22 February  
Jnr. School – Student Leadership Induction  
Snr. School, Swimming Carnival – Hawkesbury Oasis, Windsor

Sunday 24 February  
"Welcome to Arndell" Morning Church Service

Monday 25 February  
CIS – Golf

Monday 25 February to 29 February  
VET Workplacement – Entertainment/Hospitality/Info Technology

Finally, a word about this newsletter, the Arndell Advocate. You have just read the last front page to look quite like this. Our aim from now on is to arrange the front page so that it focuses on two things only:

- congratulating students on their achievements,
- giving details of forthcoming events.

Focussing on these two things will allow us to emphasise what students are doing – and they are what the school is all about! – and how parents and friends can share in the life of the school. I urge everyone to feed us with information on what students are doing, particularly in outside school activities, so that they can be appropriately recorded.

To prepare us for the new format, let us note:

- Dux of the College 2007, Matthew Stojanovic, with a UAI of 98.7 – a huge achievement.
- Three further UAI scores of 90+: Chris Rankin, Justin Pogson, Laura Mares. (a fuller description of HSC results will appear in the next Newsletter.)

And in forthcoming events, let me emphasise:

- A Welcome to the Arndell Community Service, Arndell Community Church and School, on Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am, followed by a feast of refreshments and children's activities.
- The AGM of the Parents' and Friends Association on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Senior School Library.

Please be with us for both these occasions, as each plays a vital part in the life of the College.

I look forward to touching base with all of you in the days and weeks ahead. May it be a most successful year for all of us. For staff and students alike, we wish to learn, to grow in our understanding of each other and of our world, and to come closer to Christ by learning more about him and by responding to all that we learn by accepting Him as Lord. My prayer is that we can all share in these great endeavours in 2008!

### *From the Deputy's Desk: Mr Jim Webb*

Welcome back to Term One 2008. A special welcome to all of those parents and students who are new to Arndell. I know that our time together will be most productive and I look forward to meeting many of you as the year progresses. If there are any issues, regarding curriculum, please contact Ms Raewyn Dean (Director of Studies), Pastoral Care issues contact your student's Homeroom Tutor or Head of House. I am always available and will return calls ASAP.

A couple of minor matters:

Uniform – Girls shoes. Years 7 – 10 Black Lace-up Shoes only / Years 11 and 12 may purchase either black lace up shoes or a shoe with a strap or buckle. However these shoes must have a heel and must NOT be ballet style. Parents please support us this year in getting our uniform into shape. We pride ourselves on the way the vast majority of students dresses please do not let us down by giving into your child's demands for fashion trends. Have a wonderful weekend.

### *From the Head of the Junior School: Mr Rick Harrison*

Welcome to Term One 2008. A special welcome to all of those parents and students who are new to Arndell. I know that our time together will be most productive and I look forward to meeting many of you as the year progresses.

We have a few changes in the Junior School as far as staffing goes, with Mrs. Miller moving into the library as the Junior School Librarian. Mrs. Chan is now the Stage Two Co-ordinator and teaching Year Three and we welcome a new Kindergarten teacher, Miss. Cooney.

We have also made some changes to the Welfare/Discipline Policy. The changes are designed to make our playground areas safer and happier places for everyone. Class teachers have already gone through these changes with the students. The modified policy will soon be made available to parents.

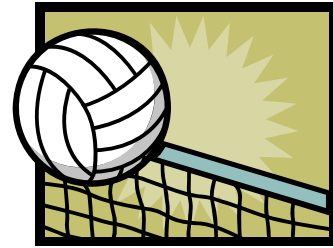
I would like to mention the importance of clear and regular communication between the College and the home. If at any time, you have concerns regarding your child, then please do not hesitate to discuss them with your child's class teacher, the stage co-ordinator or with me. Your child's class teacher should always be the first port of call. Messages or comments by teachers and parents can be written in the College diary in the Primary classes, while Infants classes use the "Boomerang Book" system.

For all the parents who are new to the College and as a reminder to those less new, all Junior School students who are travelling home by car must be collected from their classrooms. Children who catch buses and those who know they are to go to after school care, go immediately to their respective areas. Children who have not been collected from the classroom before 3:30 pm are sent to after school care. (A fee will be payable if this is the case.) Do not, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ask your Junior School child to wait for you in the turning circle, carpark, bus bay or any other area other than their classroom. Following these rules is of the utmost importance if we are to avoid a tragic accident in the carpark and turning circle areas.

Textbooks have already been distributed to students in Kindergarten to Year Six. If there have been any complications regarding textbooks, please let me know as soon as possible.

The achievements of Arndell students during 2007 were exceptional in a huge range of disciplines and I look forward to even better performances during the course of this year. Your children will meet and rise to new challenges during 2008 and we look forward to seeing every child striving to achieve his or her potential.

*From the Sports Desk:*



**YOUR ACCESS TO INFORMATION ABOUT HILLS ZONE  
&  
REPRESENTATIVE SPORT FOR 2008 AT ARNDELL.**

This first week is very hectic for us all..... Hills Zone Trimester Sport Teams need to be finalised for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February!! That's right next week!! Students will have had the opportunity this week to sign on for the following after school sports:

**Indoor Cricket**

Boys: Senior: Mondays, Intermediates: Wednesday, Juniors: Thursday  
Girls: Open 7-12: Tuesday

**Futsal (Indoor Soccer)**

GIRLS ONLY: Wednesday

**Tennis**

Seniors: Mondays (2 boys 2 girls)

**Basketball**

Students can also sign up to trial for the following teams that will play in a one-off Hills Zone Championship Day on the following days:

Girls Open Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Boys Open Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Trials and training will start immediately next week check Daily Notices.

If your son/daughter has signed on for a sport they will have brought home a letter with all the relevant information and a commitment form (Please search the school bag!!!).

For any player to be allowed to play for a team the commitment form **MUST BE SIGNED BY BOTH PARENT AND STUDENT RETURNED IMMEDIATELY TO THE PE OFFICE.**

**ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> February!!!**

**SENIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL - FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Information and letter regarding the Swimming Carnival will be handed out to students through their homerooms next week. School carnivals are compulsory attendance days and should not be used to book appointments or for an extra day off! All students will be involved in the carnivals most importantly as a participator or if unable then a helper.

The Senior School Sports Desk is where all information regarding Sport is published. A small amount of information is on the Website. The Sports Notice Board is outside the Gym and has all the Hills Zone Trimester Sport details. Extra information can be obtained by calling Mrs Cornick on 45723633. Please do not call the Front Office with queries.

*Student ID Cards:*

The School Photographers will be taking photos for the School Photo ID Cards on Monday 11 February, 2008 for all new students. If any student has lost their card, they will be able to have their photo retaken at a cost of \$8.00. For students who have misplaced their cards, you will need to fill in the form below and return it to the Administration office with the amount of \$8.00. before Thursday 7 February, 2008. All students need to have an ID Card for use throughout the school.

<p>Attention Admin:</p> <p>Name of Student: .....of Year: ..... requires and ID card.</p> <p>I have enclosed the cost of the photo/card \$8.00.</p> <p>Parents signature: ..... Date: .....</p>
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*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 (3.30-5.30pm)  
**Equestrian:** <http://www.arndell.nsw.edu.au>  
**P & F President:** Donna Pellew 0417 774 545  
**Vice President:** Tina Andersen (Waltho)  
 0414 634 453  
**Uniform Shop:** Mrs Liz Moore  
 4572 3254  
 Tuesday/Thursday  
 8.30-10.30am/2.30-4pm  
**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 2008:**

**Term 1 – 2008**

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: . . .**

Year 7 - 4 to 6 June - Deer Park  
 Year 8 - 4 to 6 June - Somerset Campsite  
 Year 9 - 3 to 6 June – Port Hacking  
 Year 10 - November - TBC  
 Year 11 - 4 to 6 June – Blue Gum Lodge



*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

***Pitstop***

An activity of Arndell Community Church where  
 youth can revive and refuel.

5.00 to 7.30pm  
 each Friday at

Pitt Town Anglican Hall, 110 Bathurst St Pitt Town  
 Friday 1 Feb - "Silly Games" introducing "Pitcash"  
 Friday 8 Feb – World Series Cricket

**VACANCY AVAILABLE**

There is one space available for a  
 female student for the Italy/Greece tour  
 in January 2009.

If interested, please contact Miss Doman  
 in the English Department by the  
 end of week 2.

*The Arndell Advocate:*

The School Newsletter "The Advocate" is on the School website. If  
 you would also like this to be emailed to you please advise  
 Barbra Whelan (PA to the Headmaster) of your email address.

Attention Mrs Whelan:

I wish to have the Advocate emailed to me:

Parents Name

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Students Name: .....

Year: .....

Email Address: .....



***Brainteaser - 1***

*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.*

**Every student in a second grade class sends a valentine to  
 each of the other students in the class, for a total of 306  
 valentines. How many students are in the class**

Information for the Advocate needs to be emailed to  
[enquiries@arndell.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@arndell.nsw.edu.au) by Tuesdays 4pm

Charles Dickens'

# A CHRISTMAS CAROL

## COMING THIS JUNE

YOU OR YOUR BUSINESS CAN BECOME A FRIEND OF THE THEATRE BY BECOMING A SPONSOR OF THIS YEAR'S MAJOR SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTON

**Gold Sponsor \$300+ (receive 6 VIP tickets, 6 VIP suppers and 6 programs)**

**Silver sponsor \$200 (receive 4 VIP tickets, 4 VIP suppers and 4 programs)**

**Bronze sponsor \$100 (receive 2 VIP tickets, 2 VIP suppers and 2 programs)**

**Friend of the Theatre \$50 (receive 1 VIP ticket, 1 VIP supper and 1 program)**

All sponsors will be acknowledged in regular College newsletters and in the Production Program. All sponsorships are tax deductible. Complete the form below and return it with your cash/cheque (made payable to Arndell Anglican College).

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To Miss Doman re: **Sponsorship for a Christmas Carol**

Name of Sponsor:

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Name of Business (if applicable):

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Business/Contact details for advertisement in program:

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**DON'T MISS THIS EVENT IN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR! ONLY  
3 PERFORMANCES ON Wednesday JUNE 18th, Friday JUNE  
20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, JUNE 21<sup>st</sup>.**

# Can you help?

The following props/set pieces are required for this year's College drama production of '**A Christmas Carol**'. If you can assist us by lending the production an item, please contact Miss Doman. Rehearsals for the production begin this term, with the performances due in June. It will greatly benefit the students to use props as soon as possible.

## **Items required:**

- 1 pine kitchen style table (suitable for lower class English kitchen – scratches and dents not a problem! To seat 6-8)
- Either – chairs/benches/stools to go around pine table
- Iron fireplace setting
- Chair for a writing desk (wooden, in reasonable condition)
- Chair for a school desk (wooden)
- Small table (does anyone have an old wooden school desk with a lifting top?)
- Hat stand (preferably wooden or iron)
- Old books (some with leather binding for Scrooge's bookshelf)
- 2 Quill pens and ink pots
- Plain white/cream/brown shirts and black / brown / navy pants (these would NOT be returnable)



## Are you interested?

Lessons are available at the College for:

- Piano
- Flute
- Violin/ Strings
- Brass
- Clarinet/ Saxophone
- Guitar
- Drums
- Singing



### GROUP LESSONS

- Speech and Drama
- Singing
- Piano

### FEES PER SEMESTER (two terms)

- Individual lessons \$500
- Group lessons \$250

If you are interested please return the slip to Mrs. Wilson c/- College Admin. A Peripatetic teacher will make contact with you.

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Return to Mrs Wilson – Acting Head of Performing Arts

### Peripatetic Lessons

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

Instrument/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No.: \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Parents,

May I begin 2008 by extending a very warm welcome to you all, whether it is back to Arndell or as newcomers, joining us with an enrolled student for the first time. I trust that the year will be a thoroughly fulfilling one for you; for my part, I look forward to sharing in the education, the developing and growing of your children.

I want to take this early opportunity to address several matters.

#### **HSC Results, 2007:**

In this area, matters continue to strengthen, and we build on the growth of recent years. We were delighted to see that Matthew Stojanovic, Dux of the College, earned a UAI of 98.70, the highest so far by an Arndell student; three more students scored above 90 (more than ever before) and six more again above 80 (more than ever before.) So the trend was excellent to see: strong results across many subject areas and further evidence that when students work solidly, and work closely with their teachers, they will do well at our school. I extend my congratulations to the HSC class of 2007, their teachers and parents, on a job well done!

#### **Getting in Touch with your School:**

It became clear to me, during the course of 2007, that I needed to be more explicit about making contact with the right person in the best way. Sometimes, matters were brought to me on which I could only advise a discussion with a teacher or other staff member first. In 2008, we shall be asking of parents:

- Has the question/issue/concern been raised with and sorted out with the teacher or other members of staff to whom it is most immediately relevant? If, for example, the matter concerns work in an English class, discussion will start (in the Senior School) with the class teacher, then the Head of Department, and only then move on to more senior members of staff, if indeed that is necessary at all.
- Have all available steps been worked through? For example, if the issue were to concern a student's behaviour, then have disciplinary measures, monitoring measures, counseling measures, all been put in place and trialed?
- Has the matter gone to the right person? Sometimes, a parent will not be sure who this is (example: rules on Year 12 students and the driving of cars to and from school), and a preliminary call to our office staff can often clarify this and get you in touch with the right person first time around.

#### **Issues raised at Presentation Night, 2007:**

In my address at the Senior Presentation Night in December, I drew attention, amongst other things, to what I called Core Values: the values that underpin our teaching/learning programmes, our pastoral and disciplinary structures, indeed everything that happens in the school. I argued that an absence of core values – a lot of action but a dearth of meaning, if you like - has been a problem for human societies reaching right back through the ages. It is not a new problem, though it seems to be a very obvious and prevalent problem in the world of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I based my comments on 1 Corinthians 13:13, which points us to faith, hope and love (the greatest of these three) and from them I branched out to valuing the centrality of:

compassion	tolerance
empathy	discipline
trust	learning
commitment	looking forward
achievement	openness
humility.	

Being fallible human beings, we won't get all these things right all the time, but we must at least aim to do so. And we will be well on the way to doing so if we focus very hard on *Love* and *Respect*, two important parts of the relationships that make up the society of the school. We must aim to love God, neighbours and self, always; and we must insist on respect, for each other, for the College's rules and structures, and for its Christian focus. Nothing less will do, and so insisting on *Love* and *Respect*, and all that is contained in these two brief words, will be clear in all our actions in 2008.



**Staff New at Arndell:**

May I welcome the following staff, who will be joining us for the start of this year: I am excited by all that they have to offer and I know we will all enjoy working with them.

<b>Junior School:</b>	<b>Miss Sarah Cooney, Kindergarten</b>
<b>Senior School:</b>	<b>Mr Frank O'Brien, English/Music</b>
	<b>Mr Graham Smith, Head of Mathematics</b>
	<b>Miss Marian Dunbar, Mathematics</b>
	<b>Mrs Elmarie Filmalter, Science</b>
	<b>Mrs Colleen Kofron, HSIE</b>
	<b>Mrs Carolyn Turner, French</b>
	<b>Ms Brigette Soenen, Art/English</b>

We also welcome back, from Maternity Leave, Mrs Alissa Hayden (nee Lincoln); and we wish Mrs Michelle Wilson (nee Withers) very well in her role as Acting Head of Performing Arts for this year, whilst Mrs Miles is on Maternity Leave. Some other changes, already notified to you last year, include Ms Jo Chan to Year 3 and Stage 2 Co-ordinator and Mrs Elva Miller to Junior School Library. I thank all these colleagues for their contributions, past and future!

May I wish all the Arndell Community a splendid year ahead. I trust that during it we shall all work closely together, enjoy the year together, and draw closer to Christ together. I look forward to talking with many of you personally as the year unfolds.



**Dr. John Goddard**  
**Headmaster**