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The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

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## *Dates for the Diary:*

### **Saturday 10 May**

ACER Scholarship Exam

### **Monday 12 May**

AICES Girls/Boys Football

CIS Girls Basketball

LEAP – Pentathlon Incursion

Yr 12 English Assessment

**CHANGE TO WINTER UNIFORM**

### **Tuesday 13 May – Thursday 15 May**

Basic Skills Testing for Yrs 3,5,7 & 9

### **Tuesday 13 May**

HZ Open Boys Rugby Union Trials

Yr 10 PASS Assessments

Yr 12 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

### **Wednesday 14 May**

Yr 8 Incursion – Evolution of the Electric Guitar

Yr 10 PASS Assessments

**Stage 1 on Display**

### **Thursday 15 May**

HSZA Tennis KO

AICES Girls/Boys Football

Yr 10 PASS Assessments

### **Friday 16 May**

Jnr School Assembly

Snr. School Chapel

CIS Hockey – Open Boys/Girls Carnival

CIS Netball – 15 Girls

HICES Jnr. School Cross Country

– Blue Mountains Grammar School

Kindergarten Exc. To Sydney Aquarium

Yr 10 PASS Assessments

### **Monday 19 May to Friday 23 May**

**Jnr. School – Test Week**

### **Monday 19 May**

CIS 15's Netball Trials

HZ Trimester 2 Competition begins

PISA/ERA Assessments

Yr 10 PASS Assessments

### **Wednesday 21 May**

AICES cross Country Carnival

LEAP Robotics Workshop

Yr 10 PASS Assessments

## *From The Acting Headmaster:*

*Mr. James Webb*

Our year 12 students received their half yearly report this week. In the Headmaster's absence I had the pleasure of handing them out. The general tenor of the reports suggests some good work being done though there is an obvious need for a consolidated, systematic approach to study and exam preparation.

It is clear that there are so many forces affecting our senior students and that focus is often hard to attain. The question I ask is 'What are you the parents doing to assist your senior student in their preparation for the HSC?' It is such a stressful time and requires an approach that incorporates the whole family. The attitude that 'She'll be right' I am afraid will not and cannot work.

Arndell wants to provide our students with every opportunity to succeed but we can only do this as a three way partnership that is between home, the student and the College. Year 12 parents please consider what you are doing to assist.

**Reminder** that the Year 12 Parent – teacher Interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Perhaps this is the place to start?

**A number of exciting things happening around the College.**

**Stage 1 'On Display'** is an invitation, for parents – friends who are considering enrolling children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 either now or in 2009, to come along and see us in action. Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 11 am to 12.30 pm. Morning Tea provided.

I encourage existing parents to tell their friends about this 'no obligation' opportunity.

**Congratulations to the Arndell College Senior Fencing Team.** They are representing the College in the NSW School Fencing Championships. Sebastian Van der Eyk competed last Saturday in the under 15's and won Gold. Awesome.

This weekend Jacob Gibbs, Joshua Van Der Eyk and Rhys Waterhouse are competing and we wish them well.

**A usual reminder that we will be moving into Winter Uniform on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May.**

I used a quote from Oswald Chambers last week and I would like to follow up an interesting one from the same book 'My Utmost for His Highest'. Proverbs 29:18 - "Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint" He says – "There is a difference between an ideal and a vision. An ideal has not moral inspiration; a vision has. The people who give themselves over to ideals rarely do anything" 'When we lose sight of God, we begin to be reckless, we cast off certain restraints, we cast off a vision of God'.

I urge you not to lose sight of God in your lives.

We look forward to the Headmaster's return on

Tuesday.

Have a great weekend.



## *From the School Chaplain: Rev. Graeme Sedorenko*



I apologise for those mistakes made in last week's Advocate. It is the following people who are heading up to Northern Territory: Holly Andrews, Russell Avery, Holly Churchill-Young, Melanie Davies, Luke Duignan, Tahlia Geale, Matthew Macalistar, Ian McKelvey, Joel Sedorenko and Emily Tracey. Teachers going are: Mr. G. Sedorenko, Mrs. J. Daly, Miss. M. Dunbar. Sorry to those for miss spelling your names.

The Island we are visiting is Melville Island (not Melvin) and we are staying at Tiwi College Pickertaramoor.

Now that is corrected, I encourage you once again to be in prayer for the team and the trip. If you know any of the students and would like to pray for them, why not ask them for a copy of the itinerary and use it as a guide for prayer. Don't forget to pray for

those who are hosting the team.

The purpose of the trip is:

- to give student an experience of another culture
- to help students develop leadership and team working skills.
- to provide an opportunity for students to use their natural gifts and talents
- to serve those we are visiting
- to inspire hope, by sharing the gospel of Christ



*Wild Brumby's in the NT*

We do not go pretending to have all the answers for the indigenous people and the many problems they face on a daily basis but we go hoping to bridge the gaps (even if it is only a tiny bit), to learn of their plight, to grow in our understanding, to appreciate the circumstances they face and to offer a hand of friendship.

On behalf of the team, thank you in advance for all your prayers and all your generosity in supporting this trip.

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

The Primary Cross-Country Carnival held last Wednesday was a very successful event, with perfect weather and enthusiastic competitors and spectators. Chisholm house performed very strongly winning the overall competition, with the remaining houses quite close together. By the time that you read this, our team will have already competed at the CSSA State Cross-Country Carnival at Eastern Creek. Many thanks to all of the students who participated, the staff and parents who supervised and to Mr Walker for his preparation and running of the event.

The sausage sizzle held during the Cross-Country Carnival raised \$410 which will go towards the Year 6 Dinner/Dance.

With Mother's Day almost here, we will, once again, be holding our class Mother's Day stalls this Friday. All students should have taken home a note about this last week.

Some of you will know that after the Monday morning assembly, I keep a class back to inspect their uniforms. For the most part, the uniforms are very good. However, the issue that seems to be fairly consistent is the condition of the shoes. Usually this can be remedied with a good polish and I encourage you to make this one of your child's jobs once or twice a week. (Perhaps more frequently for some of the more active!) **Don't forget that all students should be in their winter uniform from Monday.**

Parents of children in Years 3 and 5 should be aware that the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is being held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. This test replaces the Basic Skills Test that was in place prior to this year. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is at school on these days.

Events coming up include:

- Excursion: Year 3 - Muru Mittigar, 9<sup>th</sup> May
- **Change to winter uniform, 12<sup>th</sup> May**
- Opera Australia Performance: "Barber of Seville", 13<sup>th</sup> May
- National Assessment: Years 3 & 5, 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May
- Excursion: Kindergarten – Sydney Aquarium, 16<sup>th</sup> May
- Awards Assembly: 16<sup>th</sup> May
- Junior School Test Week: 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Enjoy your weekend.



## 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  
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Tuesday/Thursday  
8.30-10.30am/2.30-4.pm  
Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch)  
**Canteens:** Pastor Greg Peisley  
**Arndell Community Church:** 4572 3633/0402 278 483  
Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday  
<http://rds.arn dell.nsw.edu.au>  
**Remote Document Access:**

### DATES FOR 2008:

#### 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<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June (Deer Park\_)
- Year 8 - 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June (Somerset Campsite)
- Year 9 - 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June (Port Hacking)
- Year 10 - 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November (Waterslea – Nowra)
- Year 11 - 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June (Blue Gum Lodge)



Arndell Community Church

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  
Pitt Town Anglican Hall, Pitt Town  
Contact: Greg Peisley

#### Energy

For Children in Years 3-6  
Fridays from 3.30-4.30 at  
Arndell Anglican College – D Block  
16 May – Leper Ants  
23 May – Soils and Seeds  
30 May – Storm Games

Students: Friday Lunch “The Way” meet in D1  
Adults: Fridays “People Looking at God’s Word” 9.25am at the College



#### Brainteaser

#### Number 11

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.

My local bus company has recently expanded and no longer has enough room for all of its buses. Twelve of their buses have to be stored outside. If they decide to increase their garage space by 40%, this will give them enough room for all of their current buses, plus enough room to store another twelve in the future. How many buses does the company currently own?

**Answer to brainteaser 10:**  
John will get 36 Dollars.

### Congratulations:

Arndell Student takes Gold in State Schools Competition  
Sebastian Van der Eyk representing Arndell won the Gold medal at the Under 15's State Schools Fencing competition held at Newington College Saturday 3rd May also  
Congratulations goes to Brendan Stephenson who has been selected to represent the Parramatta 2 Blues in the State Championships over the June long weekend.

### Reminder to Yr 12 Parents

#### Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Tuesday 13 May

from

3.30pm to 8.50pm

Bookings can be made now for Yr 12  
Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

#### Booking Arrangements:

- Parents may email or ring the school to make bookings with staff through Mrs Parnwell or Mrs Whelan.
- Please have all your child's teachers' names ready to make these bookings.
- Yr 12 Interviews will take place in the Senior Library building.
- Students are to attend the Yr 12 Interviews with their parents, in School Uniform.

#### Note:

Bookings will close at 12 mid-day the day

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

## *From the Director of Studies: Ms Raewyn Dean*

This term is a very busy term academically so I thought it would be helpful if I brought to your notice some of the most important events.

**Year 12 Parent Interviews on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 3.30pm – 8.50pm.** A letter was posted home last week to all Year 12 parents inviting parents to make an appointment to see their child's subject teachers. As students are now midway through their HSC courses, class teachers would very much appreciate the opportunity to discuss with parents, their child's progress and report. Mr. Webb has interviewed and handed out Year 12 their reports on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. In the report, there is another reminder about Parent Interviews and an explanation of how to go about arranging appointment times. The College looks forward to seeing all Year 12 and their parents next week. If you are unable to make Parent Interviews next Tuesday, please do not hesitate to arrange with your child's teachers, another time that is more convenient to you.

**Scholarship Examinations to be held Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 8.30am – 12.00pm.** We have 23 students who have applied to be considered for a scholarship in 2009. The academic examination is to be held this, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at the College. I will be meeting all students for a roll call at 8.30am at Reception, at the front of the College. The examinations will be held in the Library block and should be completed by 12.00pm. Students are reminded to bring two HB or B pencils, two blue or black pens and something to eat and drink for the break between examinations. Students entered for Music Scholarships will be notified by Dr Goddard, of the date and time of their musical audition shortly.

**National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy Testing for Years 7 and 9 to be held Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of May.** These tests will take place over the three days indicated. Before the tests take place, students will be given sample questions in Mathematics and English classes so they will be aware of the format of each test and the kind of questions they could be asked. Students cannot study for these tests. The government is simply interested in gaining an insight to the standard of Literacy and Numeracy across the nation in years 7 and 9.

**Midyear examination Week to be held Week 5, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May** – Midcourse examinations will begin on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Please note we are trialing examining Years 8-11 all in **one week** this year. Mr. Wilkins hopes to issue Timetables to students by the end of this week. On the back of their Examination Timetable will be an outline of Arndell's examination protocols. Please read these protocols carefully with your child, so you are both aware of the rules and the consequences of breaking them. For all years, if a student is not well enough to write an examination they are to see me the first day back at school with a Doctor's Certificate, stating they were too ill to attend school and I will arrange another time for the student to write the examination. Please note that Year 7 only do a History OR Geography examination (depending on what subject they have studied this semester) during these examinations. They will do formal examinations for most of their subjects at the end of the year. Students in years 8-11 should have a study plan in place and have begun making study notes by now.

**Years 7.9 and 11 Camp in Week 6, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June.** During camp week, Years 10 and 12 will have lessons as usual. It is important that students do not believe that because their subject teachers may be at camp, that the work their teachers will have spent a great deal of time and thought preparing "doesn't really matter". It will be business as usual for Years 10 and 12 and they are expected to attend and engage in their lessons with the same commitment expected of any other school week.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

## *UNIFORM SHOP NEWS: Mrs Elizabeth Moore*

### • **WINTER UNIFORM**

**Uniform change over occurs after Mother's Day. Students are expected to wear full winter uniform from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

### • **NEW BLAZERS**

Students, who have not yet collected their blazers from the uniform shop, please do so as soon as possible. New blazer prices are as follows

- Junior Girls (yr. K – 6) \$160.00
- Junior Boys (yr. K – 6) \$210.00
- Senior Girls (yr. 7 –12) \$170.00
- Senior Boys (yr. 7 –12) \$220.00
- Yr 11/12 Add \$25 for stripe

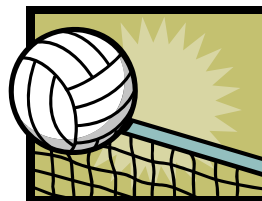
Please deduct the deposit you have prepaid to calculate the amount owing on your blazer.

### • **SUMMER DRESSES**

Due to faulty fabric on a small batch of "B2B" branded summer dresses, we are recalling the affected dresses to rectify the problem. The fault in the fabric is limited to the white sleeve cuffs and the collar and presents as pilling or small white fluffy balls on the surface of the fabric. If you think you may have one of the affected garments please bring them to the uniform shop labelled with your name, class and phone number no later than 29<sup>th</sup> May during normal uniform shop hours. If you have any queries please contact the uniform shop on 4572 3254 on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

# From the Sports Desk:

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



Trimester 2 Inter School Sport Competition runs through Term 2 & 3 starting week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> May (Please note the change in date). The following teams being are entered into the competition

**Open Girls Football**- Tuesday 4-5pm Eric Mobbs Reserve Castle Hill. Manager/Coach Mrs. Cornick, Assistant Coach Justine Manefield.

**Intermediate Netball** - 2 teams – Wednesday 4.35 – 5.05 – Kellyville Netball courts, Commercial Road Kellyville. Team A: Coach Kiera Henry, Team B: Bianca LaCoppia, Manager Mrs. Filmatter. Umpires TBA. **Junior Netball** - Due to insufficient girls the Junior team has been amalgamated with the Intermediates.

**Senior Netball** - Wednesday 5.10 – 5.40pm – Kellyville Netball courts, Commercial Road Kellyville. Manager Mr. Wilkins. Umpires TBA

**Junior Boys Rugby Union** – Monday 4- 5pm Venues are home and away according to the draw. Coach Mr. McCallum. Assistant coach and referee Ben Tuynman

**Junior Boys Football** – Thursday 4-5pm Eric Mobbs Reserve Castle Hill. Coach TBA

**Senior Boys Football** – Monday 4-5pm Eric Mobbs Reserve Castle Hill. Coach Mr. Gordon

**Inter Mixed Tennis** – Monday 4 -5pm Venues are varied according to the draw. Manager Mrs. S Daly.

**Intermediate Rugby League** – Tuesday 4-5pm Venues according to the draw. Coach Mr. Burroughs.

Draws for all competitions will be forwarded to all schools the week prior to the competition start. Draws will be passed onto players by their coaches. All queries regarding Senior school sport should be directed to Mrs. Cornick. All queries regarding Junior school sport should be directed to Mr. Walker.

Competitions will run through the 7-11 exam period and students are expected to remain committed to their team. Byes have been requested for Camp week and Yr12 HSC trials. There will be no games scheduled on HZSA carnival days (unless wet weather requires otherwise), Queen's Birthday and week 1 of Term 3.

**Hills Zone Cross Country Carnival.** Senior students were competing today in the annual Hills Zone Cross Country Carnival. Results will be in next week's edition.

### Representative Sport this month:

Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> AICES 15s Netball Championships at Hills Stadium, Castle Hill all day

Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> HZSA Cross Country at Redfield College, Dural all day

Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> AICES Boys & Girls Football Championships at Valentine Park all day.

Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> HZSA Boys 16 & Opens Rugby Union Trials at 4pm William Clarke College Kellyville.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May AICES Cross Country at Macarthur Anglican College, Cobbitty all day

### Student Sporting Achievement:

Sebastian Van Der Eyk NSW U15 Boys Champion in Foil (Fencing)

### 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.

### The Arndell Advocate:

The School Newsletter "The Advocate" is on the School website, however if you would like this to be emailed to you, Please fill in the note below and return back to Mrs. Barbra Whelan. (PA to the Headmaster).

Attention Mrs. Whelan:

I wish to have the Advocate emailed to me:

Parent's Name .....

Email Address: .....

# Arndell Strikes First Blow in Hills Cup Rugby League:

*Report from Mr. Burroughs*

The Intermediate Boys Rugby League Team had an impressive win this week in Round One of the Hills Cup competition. The boys defeated Rouse Hill AC 46-0 drawing plenty of home support and setting the tone for the competition.

After a delayed start Arndell began confidently and were rewarded very early on with a few quick tries. The halves were playing clever football to put players over the line and make the Rouse Hill defense look flat. Jake Ogden and Billy O'Brien gave clear instruction from the middle while game captain Alex McDonnell and Shaun Atkins led from the front. Andrew Bennett was a marksman with the foot, converting every try Arndell could score. It took only 12 minutes before Rouse Hill found themselves 24-0 down without an answer for Arndell's penetrating attack. Not wanting to play a one-sided game, Arndell kept the aggression in keeping Rouse Hill at bay with Michael Walker, Kurt Waters and Jeremy Otten impassable in defense.

Ahead 30-0 at half time, Arndell changed their line up to ensure all players gained essential match experience. Reece Tuckerman and Matt Shields, who both played an important role in the first half, made way for bench support in Nic Davoll and Nate Shields, having an immediate impact on the game. Arndell continued to move the ball around and find impossible gaps as Rouse Hill found themselves without an answer for the barrage of attacks. Fresh players like Matthew Watson and Pat Hollis made themselves known and the score continued to climb. With a brief incident and two sin bins interrupting play, Arndell remained focused and a final try nailed home a 46-0 victory.

Congratulations to the boys whose hard work was evident throughout the game. Their enthusiasm and determination was a credit to them all. Thank you to all students, staff and parents who came to the game and gave their support. They weren't disappointed. The Arndell squad and remaining games are listed below. Please come and support your team.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – AAC vs. Castle Hill High School at Castle Hill 4pm

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – AAC vs. Gilroy at Gilroy 4pm

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May – AAC vs. Rouse Hill AC at Rouse Hill 4pm

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – AAC vs. Castle Hill High School at AAC 4pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – AAC vs. Gilroy at AAC 4pm

*Andrew Bennett*

*Jeremy Otten*

*Daniel Brown*

*Reece Tuckerman*

*Matthew Watson*

*Ian McKelvey*

*Jake Ogden*

*Billy O'Brien*

*Matt Shields*

*Shaun Atkins*

*Arben Muslic*

*Brad Kenny*

*Nicholas Davoll*

*Alex McDonnell*

*Kurt Waters*

*Michael Walker*

*Michael Smith*

*Pat Hollis*

*Nate Shields*



## **Reminder:** To All Year 7 and Year 9 Parents and Students

**National Assessment [NAPLAN] testing is on its way!**

When: May 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday to Thursday, Week 3

Periods 1 & 2 are for National Assessment

Periods 3 – 6 are as normal – ALL students are to bring their usual books for these subjects.

**Year 7 & Year 9- Write this information in your diaries NOW**

You will need for each day:

1. HB or 2B pencil
2. One pencil sharpener
3. One eraser
4. CALCULATOR
5. Recess and Lunch [as normal]

There will be an additional recess break each day between tests.

You will not need

1. Pens or biros, coloured pencils or white-out correction fluid for the testing period. You will need your writing implements and work books/text books when you return to normal lessons after Recess. Periods 3 to 6 are normal lessons.
2. White-out correction fluid is never allowed at school.

The test is only to tell us what extra learning we need to cover. It tells us how much information you have retained or remembered from Primary School. The tests are also a measure of the skills you have developed in both literacy and numeracy throughout your schooling.

Do not worry about these tests. They are not hard, just time consuming. They are quite fun in parts too. You may want to read more at home so to improve your reading speed, and also to improve your comprehension or understanding of what you are reading.

If you have any questions, come and speak to me. Remember, if you don't ask for help we cannot help you. My office is next to D1.

Looking forward to having three great days of learning and fun.

Parents, there is an internet site available for further information and sample assessments. Please have a look and direct your son/daughter to information that will help them to feel at ease with the format: <http://naplanstage.curriculum.edu.au/timetable/timetable.html>

Mr Kirkwood - Head of Learning Support, Senior School