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From The Headmaster:

Every so often, I see something that just works! I know I would see it every day if I could only be moving about the school all day – but let me tell you about one marvellous moment when what I saw was inspiring and uplifting.

I was just out and about and I walked past a Year 12 Maths class, an advanced group with Mr Thompson in charge. At first I saw one student come out to the whiteboard and add something to (as it looked to me!) a very complex problem. There was discussion about this new element, and then another student added some more, and there was quite an animated discussion about whether this would get us to the solution – and I had to move on. I witnessed **shared, adventurous and enquiring** learning, quietly but encouragingly directed. It was marvellous: and I know I see it every time I am out and about, no matter what the age group. They are excellent aspects of learning in our school – shared, adventurous and enquiring – and I see them at work in classes, on excursions, at choir practices and so on. We would do well to celebrate such qualities (and others) as positive examples of how fine the learning environment for our students can be. Let us use every opportunity to celebrate them, at school and abroad!

Enrolments for 2008

Now is the time for me to remind you that places in the two key entry years (Kindergarten and Year 7) are filling rapidly and that, if you need a place for a sibling in those years particularly, now is the time to act. It does not often happen, but it is most distressing to put a child of an existing family on a waiting list. Similarly if you know of families who are considering Arndell for their children, at any year level, put them in touch with us straight away, so that we can get the process under way.

Parents do occasionally need to come to the school to talk over something they have found distressing. **Don't** keep it to yourself – come and tell us, so that the matter may be resolved. But may I ask that you come to "Old Admin" to arrange the discussion: that way it can be arranged both conveniently and discreetly. Student Services, with all that goes on there, is almost never the place to arrange the discussion. The best way in which we can get you promptly in touch with the right person is at "Old Admin", which you might think of as "Parents' Admin."

I **look forward** to seeing you at the many forthcoming events – Grandparents Day, the Music HSC Showcase, and others which you will find detailed in the Calendar section of this newsletter. Join in and be delighted and inspired, as I am daily; and, in your delight, give thanks to our Lord for the wonderful provision that is Arndell.

John Goddard



Dates for the Diary:

Saturday 11 August

HSC Languages Speaking Exams Begin

Monday 13 August

Yr 12 Trial Exams commence

Yr 11 PDHPE Step Class – Miss Southwell

Assessments Due:

Yr 7 PE, Yr 12 Textiles, Yr 12 Visual Art, Yr 10 PASS

Tuesday 14 August

Yr 12 Trial Exams

Yr 9 AFL Incursion

Wednesday 15 August

Yr 12 Trial Exams

Yr 2 Fish & Chip lunch order day

Assessments Due:

Yr 9 Food

Thursday 16 August

Yr 12 Trial Exams

Yr 10 PASS Indoor Rock Climbing

Yr 10 PDHPE Squash – Miss Southwell

Yr 5 - Jump Rope for Heart skipping Workshop

Yr 9B AFL Incursion

Friday 17 August

Yr 12 Trial Exams

Senior School Chapel

CSSA State Athletics – Sydney Athletics Centre

Jnr. School – Jump Rope for Heart Launch

Jnr. School – Grandparents Day

Monday 20 August

Book Week 20 – 24 August

HZ: Athletics Carnival – Homebush

Jnr School – Life Education

Yr 9 G & W AFL Incursion

Assessments Due:

Yr 10 Maths – Term 3 Test, Yr 12 Drama – Prac Exam,

Yr 12 Industrial Tech Major Works, Yr 12 Major Project

Tuesday 21 August

Book Week

Yrs 7-11 Hawkesbury Est.

Wednesday 22 August

Book Week

Jnr. School Life Education

Portal Information Evening for Parents – 7pm Perf. Arts Centre

Yr 3 Fish & Chip lunch order day

Assessments Due:

Yr 11 Biology, Yr 12 Textiles.

From the Head of the Junior School

On Thursday and Friday of this week we will, once again, be sending teams to compete in the Lego Robotics Competition. Mr Taylor, Mrs Phillips and Mr McGowen (parent) have been working with some of our upper Primary students preparing for this yearly event. There are two main areas of competition: one involves creating robots that dance, while in the other the robots have to follow a path and locate another object in the least amount of time. Our teams have been very busy working on these tasks and I look forward to hearing about their experiences in the competition.

The NSW Primary Schools Chess competition has now finished for our "B" team, with them sitting midfield. This is quite a good result as they are our "Rookie" team playing in a mixed Championship and Rookie division. The "A" team still has one more round to play, looking like they will finish in second place – obviously, an excellent result. I am sure that our players enjoyed themselves and learnt a great deal. I would like to thank all of our players and the parents who assisted with transport and supplied afternoon tea.

By the time you read this you should have received an invitation to the Junior School Grandparents' and Grandfriends' Day being held on Friday, 17th August. This is always a very enjoyable day for all involved and we look forward to seeing any grandparent and grandfriends on the day.

Some dates to remember:

Excursion: Year 3 to "The Rocks", 10th August
Year 2 Fish and Chips lunch: 15th August
Grandparents' and Grandfriends' Day: Friday, 17th August
Bookweek commences: Monday, 27th August
Life Education caravan arrives: Monday, 27th August

Rick Harrison

Senior School Athletics Carnival

What a day!

Perfect weather Spectacular venue Wonderful parents Enthusiastic students Dedicated staff

The day was certainly set up for success and thanks to a large group of people, it ended in the same manner. Staff numbers were down due illness, yet the remaining staff worked extremely hard all day, often without a break, to ensure all students were given the opportunity to participate. And participate they did. The 5 House colours could be seen flying down the track, jumping deep into the sand, and releasing implements quite a distance. Parental support was fantastic, both from the stands as well as in an official capacity. In fact, a very big thank you needs to go to parent helpers who gave their time to assist.

The most commonly asked question after a sports carnival is "Who won?". In order to answer that question, it needs to be determined what is meant. According to the Merriam-Webster online dictionary, *winner* is a noun and has the following main definitions:

- a) one that is successful especially through praiseworthy ability and hard work
- b) a victor especially in games and sports
- c) one that wins admiration

So, were there winners on the day?? Absolutely. Did they break records? Yes. Will they receive ribbons and medallions at assembly? Certainly will. Will their names appear in the newsletter? For sure. The God given talents that allow some students to shine in the Athletics domain **MUST** be celebrated. Their ability and determination are to be commended. But what about the students who give every last bit of energy to get themselves over the line in the 100m, even though they are 10 seconds behind the other students? Are they a winner? Or the student who is challenged by the technique in the discus yet still lines up and has a turn? Are they a winner? Or the student who is unable to participate due to injury, yet works tirelessly alongside staff and parents? Are they a winner? They might not come under the B category of the above definition, but are they still winners? The answer is a resounding YES. Only a small number of students will be announced as age champions. A significantly larger number will receive ribbons for various events. And still, there will be students who will not receive anything tangible for their effort. This message is for them. If you did your best in your events – you should be proud of what you have accomplished. You have contributed to your team and done yourself proud. I would like to congratulate you for that.

A group known as The Winners have a song called Go for Gold. One particular line of the song defines Winner for me: *We believe that winnings come with attitude and heart*

After presentation at assembly, a full run down of all age champions, broken records and Champion House will be included in the newsletter.

Meg Southwell - Carnival Organiser



From the P & F

Have you noticed areas around our school playground need some attention?

The main area we the P&F committee believe is in desperate need of some loving care is the area between the Year 3 classrooms and the Staff common room. At the moment it is just compacted soil with 2 trees. With your help we would like to pave this area, build some small walls for sitting on and make it a more enjoyable space for the students. We understand that this area may not be used by your children at the moment but they may one day. We also plan to improve other areas around the primary school classrooms. To do this we need your help.

How can you help?

By purchasing a paver with you child's or family name on it. The paver will then be laid in the grounds of the school. A sample of the paver can be seen in the Students Services Building. Cost of the pavers is \$25.00. This is a wonderful opportunity to help improve the school grounds and also a lasting reminder of the students who have attended Arndell.

For more information you can contact Donna Pellew
donnaandglen@hotmail.com
0417 774545

WANTED FOR THE SCHOOL FETE *Saturday 17th November, 2007. 3pm - 8pm*

Craft Stall Holders. These spaces are only being offered to the school community, so if you are a bit crafty or you have products that sell well at markets, then this is the opportunity for you. Book your space now, sites are \$30.00. You provide your own table and shelter. Please return form to the Student Services or the Main Administration office.

Craft market stall – cheque payable to Arndell P & F

Name..... Phone.....

Type of craft stall.....

Child's name..... Class/homeroom.....

More people to grow or donate plants. We would also like to have a fresh produce stall in conjunction with our plant stall; we need produce or any one who could go to the markets for us. Please call Cheryl Mount 45754141

Second hand books for our book stall. These can be dropped off at the Main Administration office.

The next meeting for fete committee is on Monday 27th August in the staff room at 9.15am – All welcome.
For any enquiries call Prue Stever 0417419161



'ALADDIN JUNIOR'

is coming to Arndell Anglican College!

Starring - your child!

When: Wednesday 24th October for the Red classes
Friday 26th October for the Blue classes



Brainteaser

Number 23

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.

A certain number consists of two digits. The number is equal to five times the sum of its digits. If you add 9 to the number, the order of its digits is reversed. What is the number?

Answer to brainteaser 22: Each may be followed by "TAIL" to form a new word.

Reminder from the Performing Arts Department:

Best wishes to the many performing groups from Arndell Anglican College who will be competing in the following sections at the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod:



- Arndell Anglican College Band in the School/ Community Instrumental Ensemble Secondary School section on Tuesday 21 August 2007 at 10:30am
- Arndell Anglican College Junior Dance in the Secondary School Dance – year 7-9 section on Monday 3 September at 9:45am
- Arndell Anglican College Senior Dance in the Secondary School Dance – year 10-12 section on Monday 3 September at 11:00am
- Arndell Anglican College Choir in the School/ Community Choral section on Sunday 16 September at 3:30pm
- Arndell Anglican College Percussion Ensemble in the Percussion Ensemble Primary School section on Friday 21 September at 10:00am
- Arndell Junior Band in the Instrumental Ensemble Primary Schools section on Friday 21 September at 10:00am
- Arndell Anglican College Year 5 Guitar Ensemble in the Instrumental Ensemble Primary School section on Friday 21 September at 10:30am
- Arndell Anglican College Handbell Ensemble in the Instrumental Ensemble Open Age section on Friday 21 September at 6:00pm
- Arndell Anglican College Stage Band in the Instrumental Ensemble Open Age section on Friday 21 September at 6:30pm

All performances will take place at Windsor Function Centre, Dight Street, Windsor. We would love audience support from the Arndell community.

For more information contact -Mrs. Miles at the College.

St Matthew's Anglican Church

Windsor

presents

an Organ Recital

featuring

Graeme Hunt

who is celebrating 30 years as organist at St Matthew's

Enjoy listening to the first organ built in Australia in the 1840's

Cost: \$10 includes refreshments

Sunday, 19 August, 2.30pm

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
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Counsellor: Mr Matthew Lumb
After School Care: 0407 474 161
(3.30-5.30pm)
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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/2.30-4. 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 3: Monday 16 July – Friday 28 Sept.
Term 4: Tuesday 16 Oct. – Tuesday 11 Dec.
College Carols: Friday 7 December
Infants Presentation
Afternoon: Monday 10 December
Primary School
Presentation: Tuesday 11 December
Senior School
Presentation: Wednesday 12 December
Term 1 – 2008 Commences Tuesday 29 January

DATES FOR COLLEGE CAMPS . . .

The dates for the camps are as follows:

Year 8 Somerset Camp,
Colo Tues 4th Sept – Thur 6th Sept
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

Attention: Equestrian Team



We have a few events coming up. Tara Interschool Dressage is on 22nd September at Hills District Pony Club grounds, entries close 1st Sept. Please download entries from the Tara website or contact me for an entry form at cami.leva@arndell.nsw.edu.au.

Our own Arndell Carnival is coming up on Saturday 1st September; get your entries in ASAP. We will be asking all Arndell riders to provide 1 helper to volunteer for the day. Please download forms from the Arndell website, any other queries contact Carolyn Dobson on 45 723531.

Mrs. Leva.

Grandparents' Day in the Library

Elsewhere in this Advocate you will see that the Junior School is hosting a special day for grandparents, next Friday, August 17.

As part of this day, the library is taking the opportunity to ask grandparents, and families in general, if they would like to donate a book to the Junior School Library.

I have personally selected a variety of books from our local bookshop to add to our collection.

Family members are invited to come down anytime throughout their visit to select a book. Each donated book will be plated with both the names of the student and their grandparents or relatives.

The day after this visiting day sees the commencement of a week long celebration of Children's Book Week in Australia.

During this week our students will see a live performance of some of Rudyard Kipling's "Just So" stories as well as participate in some fun competitions and activities that will be displayed in our library and also the Hawkesbury City library.

Hope to see you here next week.

Mrs Connie Stephens - Head of Library Services



News from IT Services

IT Portal Information Evening
for Parents
Wednesday 22 August
7pm
Performing Arts Building

Father and Daughter Weekend

August 24th – 26th 2007

BOOK NOW!!!!

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



Things to bring

- Food is 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

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 Community Church

Legend Shopping Tour - Advanced Notice

(Book early)

When: 20 October 2007

Time: 6.45am for 7am – Don't be Late

Returning: Approx 6pm

Cost: \$51.00

To make a booking or for further information please contact Deborah Olliffe on 0431 926 706/4575 1030

GOLF DAY REMINDER

Book now for the Golf Day on 30th August - Booking Form attached

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ARNDELL GOLF DAY 2007 **Thursday 30th August** **BOOKING FORM**

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/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 provided), advertising at all College events in 2007 & One Complimentary Player for Gold Sponsorship at Golf Day