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## From The Headmaster: *Dr John Goddard*

At this busy, but merry, end of the year, may I thank all members of the College Community for making 2008 such a productive and energetic one. Just in the last week or so:

Formal dinners for Years 6 and 10 have been a great success, marking the end of a phase, offering a lot of fun, and encouraging young people to look towards the next stage of schooling, or, maybe, of life beyond school.

Thank-you Afternoon Tea to all parents (and others) who helped out in so many ways this year.

Carols on Friday night: still to happen at the time of writing, a major statement of our faith, expressed in music and the Word.

As we work on towards our three Presentation occasions, may I say to parents:

- Join us for the occasions relevant to your child:  
**Infants**, Monday 10 December, 1.30pm Auditorium  
**Primary**, Tuesday 11 December, 7pm Auditorium  
**Senior**, Wednesday 12 December, 7pm, Gym
- Expect reports last class of Tuesday (K-6) and on Speech Night itself (7-10). They cannot be available before that time.
- Please get in touch for a discussion of any aspect of the reports you need to. We are available and happy to talk about issues raised in the reports.

May I sign off by thanking:

Our wonderful P & F Association, who have worked so hard on all our behalf to improve the College and its facilities;

Our tireless staff, who give so much of themselves to the education of your children;

All parents, for supporting us in our joint endeavours;

College Council, for so much wise advice and direction;

And all Arndell students, for you are the College, the purpose and the outcome.

May you all have a very happy Christmas, full of joy, full of rest (if you need it!) and full of the peace that comes from acknowledging Jesus Christ as Lord: the Christ who came amongst us, for the redemption of sins, and who is called:

"The everlasting father, the Prince of Peace".

The Arndell community joined as one to express condolences to the family of Mr Jim and Mrs Angela Webb on the tragic death of their niece. Please know that our support and our prayers are with you, your boys, and your wider family.

## Dates for the Diary:

**Monday, 10 Dec:**

Infants School Presentation –  
1.30pm P.A. Centre

**Tuesday, 11 Dec:**

**TERM 4 2007 FINISHES**  
Primary School Presentation  
7pm – P.A. Centre

**Wednesday, 12 Dec:**

Senior School Presentation  
7pm - Gym

**Monday 28 January 2008**

Australia Day Holiday

**Wednesday 30 January 2008**

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

**Thursday 31 January 2008**

**Remaining Students to Commence  
Term 1**

P & F Tea and Tissues – Welcome to new  
Parents

Textbook Distribution for Years 8 – 11 in  
The Gym.

**Friday, 1 February 2008**

Snr. School Chapel

**Thursday, 7 February 2008**

Jnr. School HICES Leadership Day

**Friday, 8 February 2008**

AICES Tennis at Concord  
Senior School Assembly

**Monday, 11 February 2008**

HZ – Trimester 1 Competition begins  
ID Photographs for new Students

**Monday 11 to 15 February, 2008**

VET Work Placement

**Tuesday 12, February 2008**

HZ – Girls Basketball Gala Day

**Wednesday, 13 February 2008**

HZ – Boys Basketball Gala Day

**Thursday, 14 February 2008**

Jnr. School Information Evening

## *Christmas is Coming and so is the Hustle and Bustle: School Chaplain, Rev. G Sedorenko*

I don't know if you notice but last week's article and the mentioning of the credit card debt was a little below the real debt Australians have on credit cards. Apparently it is up around the 40 billion. Well, all I can say is that somebody out there is making a lot of money.

Making money is never a problem it is something we all should try and do; however, it is much more important to think very carefully about the way in which it is spent.

There are many charitable organisations that need extra help over Christmas. Each year the school supports the Hawkesbury Care Christmas Appeal so please sent in food and lots of it.

In all our giving lets remember how God has given his GRACE in Christ to those who believe. Freely God has given to us by sending his Son Jesus. It is His death on the cross and that alone that can grant us the peace of God. That is what Christ is, God's gift, grace.

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Have a good Christmas everyone.

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

The last week of the College year is well and truly upon us. It has been a year filled with wonderful successes and many many students going the extra distance to make Arndell a great place to be a part of.

My enormous thanks to the staff of the College for their tireless work not only in the classroom but in the many other activities that are so much a part of College life.

This newsletter gives me the opportunity to thank you the parents for your support. It is a real blessing when the College and parents can move in the same direction when trying to get the most out of the students.

I am looking forward to 2008 as a significant year which will consolidate the House and Pastoral care system, bedding down a number of policies and developing in the students a greater sense of belonging.

### **Presentation Evening:**

Once again a reminder that this is a mandatory event for all students. Prize winners will be notified that they will be receiving a prize on the night and will, as is the custom, sit in a designated area and be expected to arrive 30 minutes prior to the start.

### **Uniform:**

Presentation evening is a formal occasion and as such students must be dressed in the appropriate College uniform. Normal Senior Uniform for Years 11 and 12 and Summer Uniform for Years 7 – 10.

### **Reports:**

The end of year report will be issued at the end of our annual Presentation Evening. Reports will not be posted. I hope you have the opportunity to share in the joy of the birth of Jesus with family and friends. If you don't have a regular church come along to the Arndell Community church you will be made truly welcome.

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

This time of year is always extraordinarily busy, with all the things that need to be done all happening at once. Last year I included some comments regarding reports and I would like to include them again this year:

Your children will be given their reports on the last day of the school year. Once again, these reports will contain grading and quartiles and it is important to keep these in perspective, as young children develop at different rates and what may seem difficult for a six year old can suddenly click into place later on. It is also not always true that children who seem to achieve early will always continue to do so. Other factors come into play such as maturity and age. I would not like the children to be discouraged about their achievements when most young children strive to do their best in whatever is asked of them. When you discuss the reports with your child please do so in an encouraging way. Look at the general comments rather than the achievement grades and quartiles and discuss areas where your child has done well and what may need to be improved.

As I write, we are looking forward to the Year Six Dinner-Dance. The students had an exciting and energetic day on Wednesday at the "wave pool" but I am sure that there is still plenty of energy available for the dancing tonight. Thank you to all of the parents who have assisted with the preparation for the Dinner Dance whether in a fund raising capacity or in the set up and decoration of the rooms.

The two events that really tell us that the school year is over are the Infants Presentation Afternoon and the Primary Presentation Evening. As it was last year, these events will be held in the Auditorium of the Performing Arts Building and therefore, seating is restricted. While I encourage all parents to attend these events, it is not possible to bring along Great-aunt Betty or Second-cousin Ralph.

This being the last newsletter for 2007, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have made contributions to the life of the Junior School during the course of the year. These contributions have been many and varied and the Junior School would not be the place that it is without your assistance.

I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a relaxing holiday period.

*Reminder*

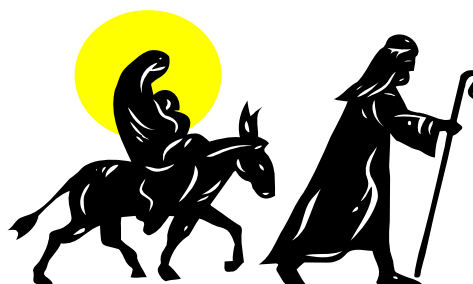
**Carol Service:**

Friday, 7 December

7.00pm

Auditorium

Don't miss it:



**From the Sports Desk:**

Students within their home rooms built a Box Car out of a cardboard box. There were special specifications including size, steering wheel, wheels, headlights, seat belt and helmet. The creativity was exceptional!

5 students from each home room were chosen to run against all the other homerooms. The course around the College was divided into short relay sections for each "driver". Pit Stops were set up for the driver changeovers.

"Drug Testing" was set up but had to be postponed due to the affect of heat on the testing equipment and time restraints. These tests will be carried out at a later time when the test will be more reliable!

**Rally results:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: J5      2<sup>nd</sup> place: M2      3<sup>rd</sup> place: C2      4<sup>th</sup> place: G2      5<sup>th</sup> place: C4

All cars were judged for their creativity.

**Best Car Award: C1 for their 4wd Truck.**

This event was a tremendous success. A big Thank you needs to go to the following:

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| Head of House for their specific roles in the event.                           | Senior Prefects for helping set up and being officials.  |
| To the maintenance staff for marking out the course.                           | To the staff in helping towards the success of the event |
| To Ms Southwell who cleared up at the end of the event                         | To the "drivers" who participated in true House spirit.  |
| To the students who participated as pit stop helpers, sound technicians, cooks |  |

**A big thank you to:**

- All students for their participation, teamwork and commitment to sport through out 2007.
- The staff and parents who have been coaches or managers, whose dedication to the students have allowed for positive student participation.
- To the parents who have consistently acted as "taxi drivers".

Congratulations to all students who have achieved various levels of Representative selection through out the year. Results for 2007 will be in the Yearbook to be distributed early in 2008.



**Brainteaser**

**Number 37**

*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.*

The difference between the squares of two consecutive positive whole numbers is 25.  
What are the two numbers?

Answer to brainteaser 36: The weights are, 3, 5, 7 pounds.

**Information for High Schools from: Youth Liaison Officer, Windsor Police Station.**

**Alcohol**

Sale or Supply of Alcohol to Minors - A person shall not, in any place whether or not licenced premises, sell or supply liquor to a person under the age of 18 years. Penalty \$500 fine. Liquor Act 1982, Section 114 (1).

**Smoking**

A police officer may seize a tobacco product or non-tobacco smoking product in the possession of a person in a public place if the officer suspects on reasonable grounds that the person is under the age of 18 years. IT'S NOT AN OFFENCE TO POSSESS SMOKES UNDER 18 BUT POLICE CAN CONFISCATE SMOKES FROM PERSONS UNDER 18. Public Health Act 1991, Section 58.

**Information for Primary Schools**

**Fireworks**

Legal Fireworks "toy firework" means amorce, [blaster ball](#), [confetti bomb](#), [bon-bon cracker](#), [sparkler](#), [streamer cone](#), [toy pistol cap](#), starting pistol cap and [indoor table bomb](#). Explosive Regulation 2005, Clause 50. All other forms of Fireworks are illegal and if found in possession you require a licence to possess (Explosive Regulation 2005, Clause 25). "display firework" means a [firework](#) (other than a [distress signal](#) or a [toy firework](#)) consisting of a case or contrivance forming a squib, gerbe, cracker, serpent, mortar shell, lance, wheel, coloured fire, Roman candle or other article specially adapted for the production of a pyrotechnic effect or a sound effect. Offence for possess firework without a licence Penalty \$1,000, Explosives Act 2003, Section 6.

## Arndell Anglican College Director

**Headmaster:** Dr. John Goddard  
**D/Headmaster/**  
**Head of Snr School:** Mr James Webb  
**Head of Junior School:** Mr Rick Harrison  
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0414 634 453  
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4572 3254  
Tuesday/Thursday  
8.30-10.30am/2.30-4.pm  
**Canteens:** Monday-Friday  
(Recess/Lunch)  
**Arndell Community Church:** Pastor Greg Peisley  
4572 3633/0402 278 483  
Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday  
**Remote Document Access:** <http://rds.arndell.nsw.edu.au>

### **DATES FOR 2007:**

#### **Term 4 - 2007**

Friday 7 December – **College Carols**  
Monday 10 December - **Infants Presentation**  
Tuesday 11 December **Primary School Presentation**  
Tuesday 11 December – **Term 4 finishes**  
Wednesday 12 December **Senior School Presentation**

#### **Term 1 – 2008**

Wednesday 30 January - **commences for Yrs 7, 11 & 12 students only**  
Thursday 31 Jan. **remaining students**  
Thursday 20 March – **Staff Development Day**  
Thursday 20 March – Monday 24 March – **Easter Break**  
Friday 11 April – **Term 1 finishes**

#### **Term 2 – 2008**

**Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June**

#### **Term 3 – 2008**

**Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September**

#### **Term 4 – 2008**

**Monday 13 October – Wednesday 10 December**  
Friday 5 December - **College Carols**  
Tuesday 9 December - **Infants Presentation**  
Wednesday 10 December - **Primary School Presentation**  
Thursday 11 December - **Senior School Presentation.**

### **Dates For College Camps . . .**

The dates for the camps are as follows:

#### **Year 10 Waterslea,**

##### **Nowra**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Nov - Wed 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

### **Careers:**

**Just finished school? Not sure what you will do next?**  
Perhaps you have not considered going to uni or you are worried your score will not be good enough to get in. Maybe uniTEST can help.

#### **What is uniTEST and how can it help?**

uniTEST, is a 2½ hour multiple choice aptitude test that will assess your generic reasoning and thinking skills. It doesn't matter what subjects you have studied as questions are based in the two broad areas of mathematics/science and arts/humanities/social sciences. All information you require to answer each question will be provided in the question stimulus.

Several universities have indicated an interest in the use of uniTEST to help identify students that don't meet the course required Tertiary Entrance Score, but who may have the potential to succeed at University.

For more information including a list of all universities that will Consider uniTEST scores, test dates and how to register, go to <http://unitest.acer.edu.au>

### **Final Assembly:**

**School Certificate Presentation  
to Year 10 students**

**Tuesday, December 11, 1.30pm**  
(Parents please be seated by 1.20pm)  
**Auditorium, Performing Arts Centre**

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

**Parents are most welcome to attend.**

Parents and Students interested in

### **Rugby Union**

might like to collect a leaflet from Student  
Services:  
Hawkesbury Valley Rugby Union Club  
Under 6 – Under 18  
Meeting for all interested February 2008

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

# LEAP NEWS

The Learning Enrichment and Acceleration Program (LEAP) has been back in full swing for Year 7-10 and students have enjoyed a number of incursions that not only extended their learning base but rewarded their excellent grades.

The CSIRO visited the College and treated students to two very different presentations, the first of which was Forensic Frenzy. LEAP students in Years 9-10 played forensic scientists to examine the clues and evidence in a crime to find the culprit. Most discovered that the TV show CSI is a little beyond real-life forensics then Hollywood would have us believe. The second show was for Years 7-9 and looked at weird science experiments. Students used a strobe light to slow down vision and saw Mr Burroughs held up by four light globes. Must be that light diet he is on?

LEAP students have also witnessed first hand the beauty and diversity of Australian wildlife. Travel Bugs brought an interactive show to the College with lots of creepy crawlies for the students to touch or run away from...depending on scare levels. An Entomologist showed students the strange lifestyles of insects and showed just how HUGE stick insects can grow. Croc Stars then treated students with a different sort of wildlife show. What do you get when you add two lizards, a turtle, two snakes and a crocodile to a classroom? A half empty classroom!

The final LEAP incursion for the year was a crazy scientist from Fizzics Education who added the "WOW factor" with a flask of liquid nitrogen. All LEAP students from Years 3-10 witnessed a nitrogen steam engine, a frozen waterfall and ice bubbles. Students had the privilege of witnessing a rare superconductor make a magnet levitate in thin air. The interactive show was a great way to finish the year for Senior School LEAP.

Junior School LEAP students have been finishing off their projects for the year. Year 3 decorated and launched bottle rockets into the earth's atmosphere. Year 4 continued their interaction with students from Mitchell Intermediate School in Texas, USA. Year 5 scripted and filmed a movie set in outer space. Year 6 completed their Ball scrapbooks and continued their cultural correspondence with students from College Tonkin near Lyon, France.

Thank you to all of the support for LEAP this year and well done to all LEAP students.



*From the I.T. Services: Mr Rohan Smith - Co-ordinator*

Dear Parents,

Due to computer upgrades in 2008, the College now has a stock of computers which are surplus to requirements. We have decided to make them available for purchase by the Arndell community.

The Computers in question are:

- Dell Pentium 4 2.8Ghz, 512MB RAM, 40GB Hard Drive, Gigabit Ethernet, CDROM, Windows XP Professional, 17inch **CRT** monitor
- Apple eMac - 2 Models
- G4 1Ghz, 512MB Ram, 40GB Hard Drive, CDROM, LAN, Mac OSX Panther
- G4 1.42Ghz 512MB Ram, 40GB Hard Drive, LAN, COMBO, Mac OSX Tiger

All are available for \$200 each by contacting Rohan Smith at the College office.



## Arndell Community Church

### Christmas @ Arndell



Friday Dec 7th College Carols & Lessons

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm CAROLS ON THE LAWN at Pitt Town!

(This Year at Pitt Town Anglican Church grounds Bathurst St)

Christmas Day Tuesday 10am in the PAB

ALL WELCOME!

[www.arndell.org.au](http://www.arndell.org.au). We meet every Sunday. 10 @ Arndell PAB & 6pm @ Pitt Town