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The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

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## *Dates for the Diary:*

### **Saturday 5 April**

Yr 11 English Exc – Parramatta Riverside Theatre  
CSSA Boys Soccer Trials  
CSSA Girls Netball Selections

### **Tuesday 8 April**

AICES Boys & Girls Touch – Penrith  
NSW PSSA – Swimming/Diving

### **Tuesday 8 April and Wednesday 9 April**

#### **Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews**

- parents, have you noted these dates?

### **Wednesday 9 April**

NSW PSSA – Swimming/Diving

### **Friday 11 April**

Jnr. School Assembly – PA Auditorium  
**Snr. School Cross Country Carnival – Cattai National Park**

- a great House day. Parent volunteers and supporters most welcome

**Friday 11 April**  
**Term 1 Finishes for**  
**2008**



### **Monday 28 April**

**Term 2 Commences for all students**

### **Tuesday 29 April**

CIS swimming Carnival – Sydney Aquatic Centre

### **Wednesday 30 April**

#### **Jnr. School Cross Country**

- another great House and School day. We hope to see many parents there.

### **Friday 2 May**

Snr. School Chapel

### **Monday 5 May**

CIS Touch Football

### **Tuesday 6 May**

AICES Hockey – Open Boys & Girls, Homebush

## *From The Headmaster:*

*Dr John Goddard*

We have all been very impressed by the superb efforts of our swimmers in recent times, and never more so than at the AICES carnival on Monday of this week. You will read more details of the results elsewhere; but it is very important that we congratulate **Tahnie Jackson** of Year 12, the champion in her age-group and holder of no fewer than 3 new AICES records: a magnificent achievement! Congratulations to all those who swam at this representative level, and to those going on to CIS we wish good swimming and happy waves!

Parents will note later in this newsletter two notices about adult literacy/numeracy which I commend to your attention. They are placed in this newsletter in support of Richmond TAFE, who each year programs to support adults in language, literacy and numeracy. You might draw the notices to the attention of those to whom they are relevant; or, if you would like to be a volunteer in this valuable community work, take note of the contact details in this announcement.

I also draw to parents' attention our need of a suitable Presiding Officer for the HSC and School Certificate exams in October/November of this year. The appointee will actually be appointed and paid by the NSW Board of Studies, but we need to nominate an appropriate person. Please note:

- the Presiding Officer must not have a child or close relative in Year 10 or 12 this year.
- he/she needs good, thorough, careful organizational skills.
- he/she will have to pass Child Protection Screening.
- the work is on full days or half days (depending on the exam timetable) for about 4 weeks.

Please get in touch with me or with Mrs Dean (Director of Studies) if you are interested; or, if you know a suitable person, point them in our direction.

Speaking of exams, I have been very impressed by the way in which our Year 12 Students have approached their mid-year exams this week. They have worked solidly through a packed schedule. The exams are both vital Assessment tasks and vital learning experiences: they show us what we know and how much more we need to know.

For the forthcoming holidays, and for the first two weeks of Term 2, I shall be undertaking a period of study leave, doing some reading and visiting various schools, looking at the two topics – Co-education: Why is it the best way?, and Worship occasions – how do different schools see them. In my absence, Mr Webb will be Acting Headmaster. The school could not be in better hands!

Our Lord's post-resurrection appearances to his followers provide some of the most arresting and remarkable stories about him. Can you actually imagine seeing the nail marks, let alone putting your hand on his pierced side? At this time just after Easter, I pray that, whatever our human doubts, we can come to the same acknowledgement as poor old Thomas (see John 20:28), "My Lord and my God!"

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

Almost at the end of Term 1 – I can't believe I am saying that!

I have been impressed with the number of activities and the level of participation of the students. This term we will have had 2 of our **major carnivals – swimming and at the end of the term cross country**. Our students have been heavily involved in the **Hills Zone competitions and representative sport**. They have also been preparing for our **major Drama production** with auditions and rehearsals. The dance students have also been rehearsing not only for their part in the **drama production** but also their **dance extravaganza** later in the year. **The choir has been preparing for their overseas tour to the UK**, the **World's Greatest Shave** has happened and funds raised, and the **various bands have been rehearsing and playing**. These few activities are the tip of a very large iceberg.

My enormous thanks to the staff who have given up so many hours to make these things happen and my equally enormous thanks to the students who have committed their time to represent the College.

#### **Discipline at the College:**

I prefer the term **Non Compliance** when we talk about this issue. Generally problems in classrooms occur through students not complying with College or Classroom guidelines.

#### **Our process is as follows:**

1. **Subject Teacher** tries to work through the issue – discussion re appropriate behaviour. Depending on the nature of the incident the **Subject Teacher or the Head of Department may give a courtesy call home** to say that a problem has arisen – all ok we are working through the problem but just be aware – We call it a **'Head's Up'**
2. **The Subject Teacher** may issue lunch detentions within the department. Hopefully we have a positive outcome. If not:
3. **The Head of Department is asked to be involved** – the student may be placed on a monitoring sheet. Referral sent to the Head of House. At that point the parents may be notified, as is the Homeroom Tutor and I am also kept in the loop. **Discussions take place and hopefully a resolution is found**. If not:
4. **The Head of House in collaboration with me** - discuss placing the student on a **Level Zero Folder**. This monitors behaviour, work etc across all subjects. **Parents are informed** and the student reports to me 4 times a day to discuss progress. After a week we review the Level Folder and discuss options. If a resolution occurs – awesome but if not!
5. **Upgrade of the Level Folder** we have 4 Levels - with either **internal or external suspension** and a case conference occurs. A variety of supports are put in place to assist the student in changing their behaviour. If no resolution we move through the Levels with modified folders to attack certain behaviours.
6. **If all else fails it may be that the Headmaster recommends to the College Chairman that the student be removed from the College**. However we hope to have resolved the issues, with parent help long before this action is taken.
7. In all that we do we can only work with a student if you the parents are prepared to work with us. If there is a problem we need you to acknowledge this; the child you see at home may not be the one who sits in class and disrupts the learning of others.
8. I am a little irritated when parents say "Oh it's the teacher who can't control the class". Where in all this does the responsibility of the student lie?
9. Let us all work together to make the classroom a great place to be for all students.

#### **Reminder:**

**Parents we have a College uniform – it is part of the requirements that this is worn correctly**. Over the past 6 weeks we have had some 200 incidents of students failing to arrive at the College correctly dressed – necessitating lunch detentions being issued. This means that it is your responsibility. Please help us to reduce these numbers by ensuring that your child leaves home in the morning correctly dressed.

**The College hat is a part of the uniform**. Students have lockers where these can be placed during the day. I am afraid that some of the girls' hats are a disgrace and do nothing to support the image that the College is trying to portray.

**Uniform, manners, class work, attitude and success all work together – what is it that you want from your child's College? and what is it that you want from your child?**

Having said all of that the vast majority of students simply get on with life and really work towards positive goals.

Have a great weekend

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

Thank you to Mr Taylor, Mrs White and Year Four for their performance in the Awards Assembly last week. What an interesting variation on ABBA's "Dancing Queen"!

**Headmaster's Awards were presented to:**

KB: Joel Denning, Larissa Read;	KR: Jayde Dudley, Telisha-Jaide Ballardin-Thomas;
1B: Kane Welsh, Rebecca Rance;	1R: Emelia Evans, Kate Digby;
2B: Brianna Henry, Bryson Rejtano;	2R: Aaron MacDonald, Josh Smith;
3B: Lauren Fraser, Ben McAlpine;	3R: Emily Ayres, James Gribbin;
4B: Amy Fradd, Jacqueline White;	4R: Liam Clunn, Nadia Tjantoro;
5B: Emily Stenhouse, Daniel Robins;	5R: Gabrielle Naethuys, Lachlan Shoobridge;
6B: Verity Corr, Joshua Emanuel;	6R: Sebastian King, Kiera Porter.

**Congratulations** to all of these students.

On Monday of this week, Arndell hosted a meeting of Junior School student leaders from eight of the SASC schools. Each school's student leaders gave a brief presentation describing their school and their responsibilities as student leaders. Our students leaders did a terrific job of not only giving their presentation, but also making our visitors feel welcome and giving them a guided tour of the grounds and buildings.

With Parent/Teacher Evenings approaching, parents should not forget to book a time with their child's class teacher by calling Mrs Parnwell or Mrs Barbra Whelan.

**Events coming up include:**

- Parent/Teacher Interviews, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April
- Junior School Mufti Day (Gold coin for Learning Support resources), 11<sup>th</sup> April
- Last Day of Term 1, 11<sup>th</sup> April
- (Term 2) 3-6 Cross-Country Carnival, 30<sup>th</sup> April

Enjoy your weekend.

*From the P & F*

**Volunteers Wanted!**

I am looking for people to organize and run this years Annual Golf Day. This is a big fundraiser for the school, and I am anxious to keep this event running.

If you are interested in helping out please contact me as soon as possible. Help and information will be provided from the previous Golf Day Committee.

Donna Pellew - 0417 774545

# **Junior school Library**

Thank you to all the junior school parents and students for supporting our Book Fair held just before Easter. Because of your support, class libraries as well as the Junior School library have the benefit of nearly 150 new titles on their shelves. As well as the new books, extra resources such as a new floor rug and Lego will be purchased to make our library an even more enjoyable place to visit (if that can be possible)! To help organize our Lego pieces, we are asking the school family to save their plastic juice containers ('poppers'), water bottles and clear milk containers. These will be transformed into storage containers for our Lego. Empty bottles can be deposited into the specially marked plastic baskets. Thank you!

Mrs E Miller - JS Teacher/Librarian

## 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  
**Counsellor:** Ms Sarah Tabone/Miss Jennifer Carey  
**College Marketing Officer:** Mr Philip McKenzie  
**After School Care:** 0407 474 161 (3.30- 5.30pm)  
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teenbean1@westnet.com.au  
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**P & F President:** Donna Pellew 0417 774 54  
**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  
<http://rds.arndell.nsw.edu.au>  
**Remote Document Access:** <http://rds.arndell.nsw.edu.au>

### **DATES FOR 2008:**

#### **Term 1 - 2008**

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<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

#### **Energy**

For Children in Years 3-6  
Fridays from 3.30-4.30 at  
Arndell Anglican College – D Block

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

## **Reading, Writing and Maths for Adults**

Improve your reading, writing, spelling and maths for work, further study, helping with homework, or just for every day. Classes are small but if you can't get to the college, you may be able to study at home with a trained volunteer tutor.

This course is free for Australian citizens and permanent residents. All enquiries are confidential. To find out more, phone Amanda Linn at Richmond College on 4570 9045.

## **Adult Literacy Volunteer Tutor Course**

Can you spare 2 hours a week to help another adult from an English or non-English speaking background improve their essential literacy skills?

Richmond College will soon be conducting a short training course for new Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutors.

After initial training, tutors and students meet weekly at a time and place convenient to both.

Tutors receive on-going support from the TAFE Adult Literacy Officer.

The next training course starts on Wednesday 30 April, from 9.30am to 12.30pm, and runs for 8 weeks.

There is no fee.

To register, or for more information, please phone Amanda Linn, Adult Literacy Officer at Richmond College on 4570 9045.

### **Brainteaser**

#### **Number 8**



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 fire fighter stood on the middle rung of a ladder, spraying water on a burning house. He then climbed up 6 rungs before the heat of the flames caused him to come down 10 rungs. After few minutes he was able to climb 18 rungs to the very top of the ladder. How many rungs did the ladder have?

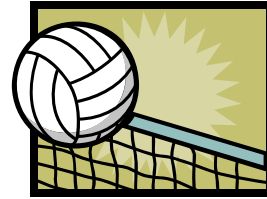
Answer to brainteaser 7: 22 apples.

### **Lost/Found**

If you have lost car keys, watches or a pair of Glasses, please contact Student Services, one of these could be yours.

## *From the Sports Desk:*

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



#### **AICES Swimming Carnival:**

**Congratulations to the following swimmers for their tremendous results at AICES yesterday:** Seaton Kenna, Kim Currell, Dieter Hoffman, Kurt Jackson, Tahnje Jackson, Luke Duignan, Ben Tuynman, Hayden Collins, Mike Smith & Mickaela Calvert.

A special mention to Tahnje who broke 3 AICES records in 50m Butterfly, Breaststroke and Freestyle, she also finished 1<sup>st</sup> equal in the Girl Championship. A great result for her last carnival as a Hills Zone swimmer. Hayden Collins finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Boys Championship. The boys Inter Medley relay team (Hayden, Mike, Luke & Kurt) finished third, qualification for AICES team is to be confirmed. The following swimmers have confirmed positions on the AICES team: Tahnje Jackson, Hayden Collins, Kimberlee Currell and Dieter Hoffman.

Arndell finished 17<sup>th</sup> overall. The Hills Zone Sport Association finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Arndell boys finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the medal count and the girls finished 5<sup>th</sup>.

All results can be viewed in detail on the AICES website [www.aices.com.au](http://www.aices.com.au) choose swimming under RESULTS/TEAMS.

CIS Swimming Carnival, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at SOPAC. More information regarding the CIS carnival is available on [www.aisnsw.edu.au/cis](http://www.aisnsw.edu.au/cis) choose swimming in SPORT section.

**Tennis Success:** Congratulations to Danica Barbagallo who won the Penrith 14s & Under tournament last weekend.

#### **Hills Zone Inter School Sport:**

**Trimester 2 Sport Competition** running through Term 2 & 3. Boys and Girls Football (the round ball game!) various days, Girls Hockey (Monday), Girls Netball (Wednesday), Boys Rugby Union- various days, Mixed Tennis (Monday). Students will be bringing commitment forms home to be completed and signed. Please return these forms ASAP. Teams cannot be entered until ALL commitment forms are returned. Trimester 2 Competition starts week 3/4 Term 2. Information regarding specific sports will be posted on the Sports Notice board outside the gym.

#### **Student / Parent Umpires/Referees/Coaches:**

Opportunities are available for umpires and coaches in netball. Referees and coaches in football. Referees in rugby union. If there are students present/ past or parents who would like to be involved in any of these sports please contact Mrs Cornick on 45723633.

#### **Wanted:**

Unwanted exercise or fitness equipment for a Fitness Suite at AAC.

If you have any pre-loved weights or gym equipment taking up space at your house that you would like to donate to the College please contact Mr Burroughs in the PE Dept 45723633.



Arndell Community Church

Sunday April 6

**Volley Ball & BBQ**

4:45 pm 5.30 pm

6 PM – Sunday @ 6

**Topic:**

“Let’s talk about Sex” Part II

Where: St James Church Hall

110 Bathurst St

Pitt Town

**Come along and enjoy a BBQ + a game of volley ball. Bring the family. We’d love to see you there!**



## CHARLES DICKENS'

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Proudly presented by Arndell Anglican College with the support of the following:

- Gold Sponsor :** LARRY WALKER HOME LOANS Contact – 0412638124 or [www.larrywalker.com.au](http://www.larrywalker.com.au)
- Gold sponsor:** RICHMOND VET HOSPITAL  
Complete care for your pets.  
Contact - 45784229
- Silver sponsor :** ROUSE HILL FAMILY MEDICAL PRACTICE  
Contact – Dr. Stojanovic 96791098
- Friend of the Theatre:** Mrs. Garden

SPONSORSHIP IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE. HELP SUPPORT THE PERFORMING ARTS BY BECOMING A SPONSOR.

Gold Sponsor \$300, Silver Sponsor \$200, Bronze Sponsor \$100, Friend of the theatre \$50

'A CHRISTMAS CAROL' WILL BE PLAYING  
AT THE PERFORMING ARTS BUILDING  
JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> , 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup>.

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Can you assist us by loaning the following for the play?

- A wooden bookcase 3-4 shelves in height
- Wooden stools (different heights, mismatched no problem)
- Wooden low bench with no back to seat 2-3 people
- Old set of scales with weights
- Old plain blanket or comforter
- Old floor rugs (2 needed)

**TICKETS ON SALE WEEK 2, TERM 2**

**ADULTS \$15      STUDENT/CHILD \$10**

**FAMILY (2 ADULTS, 2 CHILDREN) \$40**