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## *From The Headmaster: Dr John Goddard*

Communication with, and within, Arndell.

We all have to communicate, and we have to communicate sufficiently, appropriately and effectively!

Are we doing so?

If you are reading this, then valuable communication is taking place.

If you came to the Information Evening on the Parent Portal of Wednesday night, then you received excellent information from Mr Smith and Mr Mares: first rate communication.

If you have responded recently, as an Equestrian parent, to the call for help on the day of the Equestrian Carnival, then there has been communication to help us all.

If you have logged on to the Portal or Website lately in search of information, I hope you have felt that those organs were communicative o.

At every opportunity, I urge parents to stay in close communication with us. By doing so, you work on issues **with** us; by doing so, we all find the most productive solutions and issues, or the most productive ways to share information.

Just as the Portal is a channel for communication, so there are the best channels for all sorts of communication. You would undoubtedly approach:

- the team coach for information about a sports fixture;
- the class teacher to address a matter of curriculum;
- the teacher in charge of an activity, to know when practice or rehearsal will be on

Often you will communicate in writing – because that provides a record of the communication and it offers time for a considered response. Or you might follow up a verbal comment with a written one, by letter or by email.

Whatever you do, please communicate directly and openly with us. And if in doubt, here are some straight forward steps:

- put your questions/comments/issues in writing to us;
- work through the channels, so that it can be dealt with most appropriately;
- see communication as working together, as it always should be.

We will do our best to respond in a helpful and constructive fashion.

It's a version of "Ask... Knock...Seek": you have to ask and to be in open dialogue with the one with whom you want to communicate:

*Ask and it will be given to you;*

*seek and you will find;*

*knock and the door will be opened to you.*



## *Dates for the Diary:*

### **Saturday 25 August**

Father/Daughter Weekend Camp

### **Sunday 26 August**

Arndell Community Church Services  
HICES Music Festival  
Father/Daughter Weekend Camp

### **Monday 27 August**

HICES Music Festival  
Jnr. School Life Education continues  
Yr 12 Sport Medicine Exc – Sydney University  
**Assessments Due:**  
Yr 11 Maths, Yr 12 VA

### **Tuesday 28 August**

HICES Music Festival  
Yr 11 PDHPE Activities – M. Southwell  
Yr 9 AFL Incursion  
**Assessments Due:**  
Yr 12 Drama Prac Exams, Yr 12 Ancient History

### **Wednesday 29 August**

HICES Music Festival  
Yr 12 Music Showcase 7pm – Performing Arts  
Yr 2 Exc – Rouse Hill Estate  
Yr 4 Fish & Chip lunch order day  
**Assessments Due:**  
Yr 9 English, Yr 11 PDHPE

### **Thursday 30 August**

P & F Golf Day  
Yr 10 PASS Lawn Bowls – Richmond  
Yr 9B AFL Incursion  
**Assessments Due:**  
Yr 11 PDHPE Task 4

### **Friday 31 August**

Fathers Day Breakfast, 7am - outside the Jnr. Library  
KG Exc – Fairfield City Farm  
Senior School Chapel  
**Assessments Due:**  
Yr 11 English Advanced & Standard,  
Yr 11 Ind. Tech, Wood.

### **Monday 3 September**

Change of Winter Uniform into Summer  
HZ: Trimester 3 Competitions begin  
JS Metro Cup Soccer & Netball Finals  
Yr 5 HSIE Inc.  
Yr 9G & W AFL Inc.  
**Assessments Due:**  
Yr 8 Maths test, Yr 7 Maths test.

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

Last Friday's Grandparent's Day was a great success, with a great variety of activities happening in the classrooms. Many thanks go to all who helped to provide lunch for our visitors and especially to the parents who set everything up. Year One performed brilliantly at the Awards Assembly, not only having fun themselves but also providing great entertainment for our visitors. Thanks also to the Year 5 and Year 6 Bands, led by Mrs Druitt, who performed for our guests at lunchtime.

The following students received Headmaster's Awards:

KB: Emelia Evans, Dylan Jones;	KR: Van Spiteri, Karli Hook;
1B: Alyssa Holz, Cameron Simmons;	1R: Sara Selff, Caitlyn Ridge;
2B: Axell Vacopoulos, Zara Rowe;	2R: Nathan McCabe, Lleyton Bird;
3B: Jessica Venegas, An Spiteri;	3R: Zac Giarratano, Josh O'Brien;
4B: Rosie Moore, Dakota Cooke-Martin;	4R: Molly Hogan, Ben Rodgers;
5B: Gabrielle Saunders, Dana Panos;	5R: Noah Holland, Jack Hartley;
6B: Bradley Andronicos, Jemma Hunter;	6R: Caitlin Henry, Chantelle Mares.

Congratulations to all.

This week is "Book Week" and the classes have been involved in various activities centred around the library. The week concludes with a Friday performance, "Just So," which I am sure all of the students will enjoy.

The Life Education van and "Happy, Healthy Harold" (the giraffe) have also been with us this week. All classes from Kindergarten to Year Six will have visited the van or will on Monday of next week. The Life Education Programme is an important part of the PDHPE curriculum area with themes centred around having a good diet, avoiding those things that can make us ill and having a healthy lifestyle.

James Vernon of 4 Blue is missing his guitar. It would be helpful if parents could check their child's guitar. The serial number is 7203494. This can be found on a sticker in the soundbox.

Some dates to remember:

- Kindergarten Excursion :Fairfield City Farm, Friday, 31st August
- APEC Summit Holiday: Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September
- Kindergarten Health Screening: Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September
- Awards Assembly: Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> September
- Year 6 Camp: Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September to Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September

### *Arndell Junior School Library Book Week*

#### **Book Week Competition**

This week is celebrated each year as Children's Book Week in Australia. At this time, awards are given to some of the best Australian Children's books published in the previous year. You can view the categories and the winners online at [www.cbc.org.au](http://www.cbc.org.au)

All the winners, and the other 5 short-listed books in each category, have been on display in both libraries for the students, for a few weeks.

As well as this we have been running some Book Week competitions of our own. The winners' names appear below. Thank you to everyone who entered either competition.

#### **Colouring READiscover Competition**

\$20 book vouchers for Wiseman's Bookshop in Richmond for:

<b>Kindergarten:</b>	Ethan Clohessy
<b>Year One:</b>	Caitlin Clark
<b>Year Two:</b>	Madeline Sainty
<b>Year Three:</b>	Elysia Sproule
<b>Year Four:</b>	Elouise Abrahams
<b>Year Five:</b>	Natasha Gribbin
<b>Year Six:</b>	Natasha van der Eyk

#### **Leaf Litter Critter Competition**

Because of the varying numbers of entries for each grade (2-12) in this competition, we decided to award prizes according to relative entry numbers. Each winner received a small prize + 2 books, which they chose themselves from our 'prize box'. Congratulations to:

<b>Kindergarten:</b>	Callum Jessop, Brianna Ayres, Joel Rowell, Tori Earle
<b>Year One:</b>	Laura Holman, Jack O'Leary, Bayley Smythe, Amy Cumming, Jayde Bermingham
<b>Year Two:</b>	Lilly-Ann Keating, Brayden Jessop, Erin Bray-Smith
<b>Year Three:</b>	Laura Clayton
<b>Year Four:</b>	Alex Earle, Grace Corr, Rosie Moore
<b>Year Five:</b>	Mark Schembri
<b>Year Six :</b>	Rowena Mackintosh, Lucy Potter, Jemma Hunter

Because of the high standard of entries in this competition all other participants received a "thank you for entering single book prize".

Today, (24/8), all students were treated to a storytelling of some of Rudyard Kipling's "Just So" stories, by the School Performance Tour Company, which I hope was enjoyed by all.

*Mrs Connie Stephens - Head of Library Services*

## Robocup

On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of September, fifteen Junior School students represented the college at the 2007 NSW Robocup Junior at the University of New South Wales.



proud of their results. Daniel Sinclair Year 6 and Hannah Robinson Year 5 made the finals place. This is the second year in a row that Arndell has had a team in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Daniel and competing against a large number of Australian and international students on the Gold Coast in September. Thank you to Mr Robb McGowen for his assistance throughout the term and to Mrs Monds Speers for their help and encouragement on the day.

In Robocup, teams must design and build their own unique robots and then program them to perform autonomously. They are also required to keep a journal to show the progression of their ideas. We had one team entered in the dance competition which is an integration of Science, Technology and the Arts. Participants program their robots to dance to music. Teams are encouraged to decorate their entries and to motorise robot limb movements, to give their robots real personality. In Junior Rescue, where we had 5 teams entered, robots compete by following a winding line on a series of tiles to a designated rescue area. On the way the robot could encounter obstacles and short cut opportunities that challenge the most intrepid programmer. After negotiating the randomly selected path, the robot arrives at a green coloured area which indicates a chemical spill. While the clock is still ticking the robot must find "the victim" before pushing them out of the quicksand to safety. This year the challenge was made significantly harder with the addition of bridges, dead ends and speed humps. Many teams found the new course extremely made for an exciting competition with moments. All of our teams performed



challenging and this several nail biting well and deserve to be and were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Hannah will now be and Mr and Mrs Hislop-

Mr James Taylor

## Senior School Sports Desk:

Results of Senior Netball semi final. The girls played an excellent game against Hills Grammar. The final score 19-25 to Hills Grammar. Well done girls and Mrs Patterson for an excellent season.

## Senior School Athletics Carnival

As promised, this weeks newsletter includes the results of students who shone at the 2007 Senior school Athletics Carnival through their results.

### New Records:

Student	Event	Age Group	New record
Jacob Roberts	200m	12 years	28:50
Danica Barbagallo	Javelin	13 years	18.14
Sarah Knobbs	100m	13 years	14:25
Alex Celio	400m	13 years	1:04:69
Alex Celio	800m	13 years	2:28:15
Alex Celio	Long Jump	13 years	4.80
Jake Carpenter	Javelin	14 years	29.72
Daniel Swainston	100m	14 years	11:99
Daniel Swainston	200m	14 years	25:26
Michael Walker	Discus	14 years	28.37
Daniel Brown	High Jump	15 years	1.65
Jeremy Otten	200m	15 years	24:71
Grant Donaldson	100m	16 years	11:75
Erin Tuynman	200m	16 years	29:50
Amy Mares	800m	16 years	3:07:02
James Mitchelhill-Miller	Discus	16 years	32.47
Josh Baglin	Javelin	16 years	43.08
Matthew Otten	100m	Senior	11:33
Matthew Otten	200m	Senior	23:59
Matthew Otten	400m	Senior	56:53
Taylessa McGregor	200m	Senior	29:09
Tahnje Jackson	1500m	Senior	6:17:06
Ian Dewhurst	Javelin	Senior	39.99
Ian Dewhurst	High Jump	Senior	1.71
Tahnje Prestwidge	High Jump	Senior	1.35
Macquarie	Boys Relay	Junior	58:14
Chisholm	Boys Relay	Intermediate	51:70
Chisholm	Boys Relay	Senior	49:09
Tebbutt	Girls Relay	Senior	1:01:18

**AGE CHAMPIONS**

**AGE**  
12 YEARS  
13 YEARS  
14 YEARS  
15 YEARS  
16 YEARS  
SENIOR

**FEMALE**  
Taylah Brown  
Danica Barbagallo  
Hayley Mitchelhill-Miller  
Alexandra Cornick  
Erin Tuynman  
Tahnje Jackson

**MALE**  
Christopher Tolson  
Alex Celio  
Alex Mifsud  
Daniel Brown  
Grant Donaldson  
Ian Dewhurst



**HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS**

1<sup>st</sup> Place 1106  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place 1061  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place 1052  
4<sup>th</sup> Place 900  
5<sup>th</sup> Place 797

JOHNSON  
CHISHOLM  
GREENWAY  
TEBBUTT  
MACQUARIE

Congratulations to one and all.

*Meg Southwell - Carnival Organiser*

***From the P & F:***

***Family Fun Day plant and vegetable stall.***

To help make our plant stall a success, cuttings of any kind of plants, decorative pots, hessian, raffia ribbon, decorative things like ribbon baskets, animals such as butterflies, frogs, lizards, flowers, fairy's, wrapping paper, plastic bags or anything else that will make our plants look fantastic.

If you have an idea to help make our stall a success or you can donate something or grow something, please call me.

I am looking forward to hearing from you – let's have a great plant and vegetable stall.

*Cheryl Mount – 4575 4141/040 794 3777*

***Craft, Craft, Craft***

To anyone that is interested in forming a craft group to make items suitable for selling at our Family Fun Day, join me in the staffroom after assembly on **Monday 27 August 2007.**

If you are unable to attend and would like to help, please contact Cheryl Mount on 02 4575 4141/0407 943 777.

**Family Fun Day Plant and Vegetable Stall Update**



***WANTED FOR THE SCHOOL FETE***  
***Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> August in the staff room at 9.15am – All welcome.

For any enquiries call Prue Stever 0417419161

## Arndell Anglican College Directory

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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:	ttp://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/2.30-4.pm Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch)
Canteens:	
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 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept
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

## Arndell Equestrian Carnival Saturday 1st September



We are in great need of helpers for the day, this is one of the school's major fundraisers and we need as many people as possible to help to make it a success. Most of the jobs require **NO** horse experience, so any willing helpers will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs. Carolyn Dobson on 45 723531.

Equestrian Team, get your entries in now and start preparing for the big day.

A **Lost Property** 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.

Mr. O. Laffin



## Opening of our new Senior Library/Classroom Block

The Ian Mears Library and Classroom Block  
on Friday, August 31, 2007, at 10:00am,  
on the Terrace outside the Building.

Parents: we would love to see you there on the day

The Opening will be by Mrs Louise Markus, MP,  
Member for Greenway,  
and the dedication by the  
Rev. Ken Allen,  
Archdeacon of Western Sydney.

Students will be performing and helping with refreshments.

**Please come:** we do need to know numbers in order to prepare adequately.

All you need to do is ring Reception (4572 3633)  
and leave your name and the number of seats you require.

Reminder

Uniform change

Monday 3 September  
Arndell students change into Summer Uniform  
For information on the School Uniform  
Pge. 7 in the Student Diary

## Reminder from the Performing Arts Department:

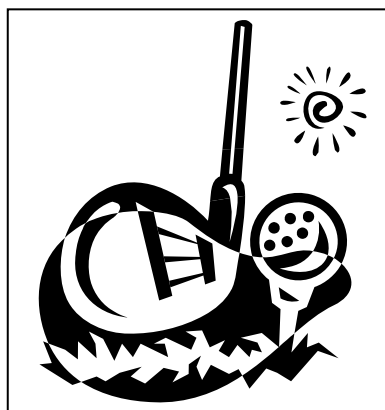


Hawkesbury Eisteddfod Dates:

- 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.



## **GOLF DAY REMINDER** **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August** **WINDSOR COUNTRY GOLF CLUB**

**7-30am Breakfast**

**8-30am Shotgun start 4 person Ambrose**

**1-30PM Lunch**

**Followed by Presentation**

**Cost: \$60 per Player**

**Enquiries: Brenda King 0419 234 655**

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## 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



# FORENSICS AT TARA

10TH – 13TH DECEMBER 2007

## An invitation to keen Year 8 students

Have you ever solved a crime? And no, I don't mean 'Who used up all the hot water?' sort of a mystery. I am talking about a real crime – like a robbery, murder, fraud or arson.

**No? I didn't think so. They don't tend to trust teenagers with that kind of thing.**

"Evidence only knows one thing: the truth. It is what it is."

– Gil Grissom *CSI*

You all know the crime-based TV shows and books like CSI, Law & Order, Bones, Sherlock Holmes and Agatha Christie; The thrill of the mystery captivates us. But the problem with these books and shows, is that they all put you in the spectator's seat. You sit at home in suspense watching someone else solve the crime, prosecute the criminal or defend the accused in court. But it just isn't the same as being part of the action – and I know you've thought about doing it yourself at least once or twice. We all have.

Well, we can put you right in all the action for four fantastic days in a crime task force situation that is so realistic that you will forget that it's just a game. YOU are the detective, YOU order medical and scientific tests, YOU search criminal databases, YOU test evidence in labs, YOU request search warrants and arrest warrants. YOU and your teammates will sift through evidence, follow 'red herrings', argue your opinion - and when or if you crack the case - YOU will make a formal application backed up by your evidence to convince a magistrate that your suspect should stand trial.

The *GRAND FINALE* of the camp will be a court trial, in which you will be totally immersed; playing roles such as an expert, witness or barrister.

**These 4 days could be the best, most aggravating, exhilarating, tormenting and intellectually stimulating of your life. Do you have the guts to come? You will not be disappointed. Can you resist the temptation?**



**SMU Forensic Camp 2007...**

For further information, contact – Mr Bryan Allerton – Head of Science

**Science Minds Unite in Solving Crime**