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The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

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Dates for the Diary:

Monday 4 August

**Parent/Teacher Interviews Yrs 7,8 & 9
(M to Z only)**

CSSA Athletics Carnival
After School Sport – Snr. Boys Football

Tuesday 5 August

AICES Rugby Union – Pittwater Park

**School Formal Photos
Students in full school uniform**

AFL Program - Yr 9W/B/G

Wednesday 6 August

After School Sport-Intermediate/Snr. Netball – Kellyville
AICES Schools Tennis
CSSA State Gymnastics

Wednesday 6 August – Friday 15 August

Year 12 Trial Exams

Thursday 7 August

P & F opening of the 'Paver's on Display'

AFL Program – Yr 9R

Thursday 7 August to Wednesday 13 August

Jnr. School; Life Education

Friday 8 August

Snr. School Chapel
Yr.3 Excursion to The Rocks

Tuesday 12 August

ICAS English Competition
Yr 9B/R/W AFL Program

Wednesday 13 August

CSSA State Athletics
Yr 9G AFL Program

Thursday 14 August

Jnr. School; Public Speaking at Thomas Hassall
Yr 9G AFL Program

Friday 15 August

CSSA State Athletics
D of E (Training) O'night Bronze Expedition; Blue Mtns
Snr. School Assembly
HSC Showcase Evening – 6pm Performing Arts

Sunday 17 August to Thursday 21 August

HICES Music Festival

From The Headmaster: Dr. John Goddard

You have the Newsflash, so you know the dates and events. But turn the pages in this newsletter (manually, or electronically – it doesn't matter!) to find out about:

- Colonial Day in Year 3
- our Chaplain Mr. Sedorenko's Golf Swing
- Photo Day next Tuesday: best uniform please
- and lots of Performance Evenings coming up

May I urge you all to be involved in as many of the forthcoming events as you possibly can.

I need to inform parents of my own situation in the College in the months ahead. Many of you know about (and have spoken to me very kindly and thoughtfully on the matter) Mrs. Goddard's recent ill health, namely, the return of breast cancer from many years ago. She has been undergoing radiotherapy and chemotherapy, but the future is a bit uncertain for her. I shall be at school pretty much as normal this year, because I have wonderful family support and so all essential caring is covered. However, in 2009 the situation will be different.

I need, therefore, to advise parents that I shall be taking a period of extended leave, beginning at the end of this year and lasting (probably) for all of 2009. During that time, Mr. Webb will be Acting Headmaster; as he has been at other times in the Colleges history, he will be magnificent in that role. I know things will continue to hum along in the school and that all necessary support will be cheerfully and willingly given.

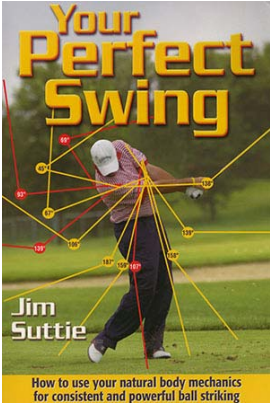
We are also aware, at staff and Council levels, of how many Arndell parents and families are "doing it tough" at the moment. Please, never hesitate to talk to me about your situation, because there are many ways in which we can help. As a school, we want to be of **service** to our community: we are not just a place to which you send children 8.30 -3.00!!

And when things **are** tough, remember where we can always put our trust:

*"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
in you I trust, O my God (Psalm 25)*

From the School Chaplain: Rev. Graeme Sedorenko

The Natural and Unnatural



What do I love about term 3?

A number of things and the first is the Arndell Golf Day. That may sound a bit strange but each year Dr. Goddard asks me to organise a staff team and this year I am on the team, yessssssssssssss! I have been told that to be successful at hitting the golf ball, you must do two things. Don't think and don't try. You are supposed to know, subconsciously, how to do it all and when it is time to hit that little white dot – you just do it without too much effort and without too much thought.

Now I realise that I am on dangerous ground. A teacher who likes golf because he doesn't need to think or try too hard?! Before you get too upset let me tell you the second thing I like about term 3. It is parent teacher night. I enjoy meeting the parents of the students I am teaching. What a buzz it is to see parents who want to see how their children are going and to learn about the teacher. Parents who want to meet the teachers to whom they have entrusted their children – well at least in terms of their education.

Raising children and educating them is serious business. As an educator I get one shot at it and similarly as a parent. Babies grow rapidly into small children, then puberty strikes, followed by adolescence and before you know it you are a grandfather. When I play golf I don't think and try too hard. I let the well practiced and rehearsed swing do the work but when I am in the classroom it is a different story. Thinking and trying are necessary to help the students become the best person possible. That is why I like parent teacher night because that is the night parents and teachers establish plans that can be implemented in the classroom so that their children can be better equipped for the big wide world – that is not always too kind.

When you look at the golf swing and all the necessary angles you can see that the golfer needs to be precise. Parenting and educating is all about thinking, planning and being precise. It doesn't all just happen. God's word, the big picture, indicates that people are more likely to struggle to do the right. That is to say: it is easier for us to make mistakes, or we are more likely to do things wrong naturally. We are all descendents of Adam and therefore it is in our nature to do wrong. To overcome this natural nature of getting it wrong we need Christ's forgiveness and power to overcome the old nature. In Christ we still must be determined to get things right and this will take hard work, careful thought and all our effort.

Teaching and Parenting are not easy things to achieve and if we do not plan and create strategies then more than likely we will naturally make many mistakes. THANK YOU parents who have attended or will soon attend a parent teacher night. It makes a BIG difference to all who are involved, in particular the students!

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

Year Three enjoyed their "Colonial Day" last Thursday. Both children and teachers dressed appropriately for the day and were involved in a number of activities that recalled the early days of European settlement.

Our Chess teams were very successful last Friday, with Arndell B winning 2 ½ - 1 ½, while Arndell A managed a 3 – 1 victory. Congratulations to both teams.

With our photographs coming up next Tuesday, there will be a Mufti Day for the Junior School on Monday to ensure that uniforms are neat and tidy for the photographs. The gold coin donation will go towards supporting our World Vision children.

While on the topic of photographs, in the past some children have arrived at school for photographs with "extreme" hairstyles – spikes, colours, Mohawks and the like. Please do not send your child to school with hairstyles not normally allowed at school; boys and girls with such will be given a comb to remedy the situation or may be excluded from the photographs.

I have recently received some brochures from the Optometrist's Association regarding children's eyesight. The brochures provide advice regarding how problems with vision can be detected. Copies are available from Student Services.

Those of you with children in the Senior School will be aware of the merit system that is used there. We have now extended this system into the Junior School to acknowledge those children who set a good example. The system is as follows:

- Merit slips are issued to children for a variety of positive behaviours, ranging from particularly hard work over a considerable length of time, special acts of kindness or other commendable actions. Merits slip are stapled or taped into the students diaries or boomerang books.
- 5 Merit slips equal a Merit Certificate. (Presented during Morning Assembly)
- 5 Merit Certificates equal a Headmaster's Certificate. (Presented during Awards Assemblies.)
- 3 Headmaster's Certificates equal a Medallion of Merit. (Presented during Presentation Evening.)

The merit system will not replace the Monday Morning and Awards Assembly awards that are already used, but will be in addition to them.

Events coming up include:

- CSSA Zone Athletics: 4th August
- Mufti Day (Gold coin donation for World Vision): 4th August
- Photographs: Classes, etc: 5th August
- Life Education: 7th August – 13th August
- Year 3 excursion to The Rocks: 8th August
- Grandparents' Day: 22nd August

Enjoy your weekend.

Tournament of the Minds:- a team challenge (Competitors needed!)

Tournament of the Minds is a competition designed to give you the opportunity to participate in creative activities involving open-ended, problem solving Challenges which demand experimentation and reward thinking 'outside the square.'

One of the best things is that you get to choose your challenge and work upon your ideas with 6 other people from various years that make up your team. It is a lot of fun!

The team chooses their own Long Term Challenge from one of the following disciplines:

- Language/Literature
- Social Sciences
- Maths Engineering
- Applied Technology

This is followed up with a spontaneous challenge on the actual day of the Regional competition: August 30th and 31st, 2008.

Please see Mrs. Allen (D block) or Mrs. Turner (B Block) for more information, but be quick; teams' student name entries close soon.

School Photo Day - 2008

TUESDAY 5 AUGUST – FULL WINTER UNIFORM

- All School/ Class & Individual Photos
- Family Groups, Staff Photo, Prefect (Jnr & Snr), All Music Photos & Musical Cast, Equestrian, Public Speaking & LEAP Photos.

ENVELOPES FOR FAMILY GROUPS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE COLLEGE OFFICE.

ENVELOPES CAN BE HANDED IN TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER ON THE DAY

Junior School Library

Oops!

Last week I told you about the stage 3 geography quiz held at the end of last term. We published the photos of the finalists so this week we will include the photo of the winners (sorry that I left you out last week!)

Mrs E Miller – Jnr School Librarian



Fete Planning Meeting

When : Tuesday 12th August 9:00am

Where: Staff Commonroom, near student admin building

For parents and staff who would like to help organize a fun day for the school, all welcome
(including little ones.)

HSC Showcase Evening Friday 15th August 2008 From 6pm In the PA building

Come and see a presentation of the major HSC works from our extremely talented Year 12 students.

- Visual Art
- Textiles
- Industrial Technology Wood and Graphics
- Drama
- Software Design and Development
- Music

Performances by Drama and Music students will commence at 7 pm in the Auditorium.
Entry: Gold Coin donation

Tutoring:

Students who are attending classes with Mr Billeh, are welcome to attend FREE tutoring lessons at lunch time every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of every week.

Please bring your Books, lunch and your questions to B 17 and join a group who intends to excel.

Yes, it is free and plenty of Maths concepts to cover.

Lost Property: Mr. Owen Laffin

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.

COLONIAL DAY

On Thursday 24th July , Year Three arrived at school dressed up in convict clothes, soldier uniforms, mob caps, long skirts, ragged pants and everything colonial. Our fun day started with a prayer and Psalm 23. Mrs Miller , who kindly offered to leave the library for the day, lead the group in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Our photographers, Mrs Rodgers and Mrs Smith and later Mrs Tolsen then had a chance to capture the day in pictures.

Students had the opportunity to taste the damper that Mr Bryden and his helpers cooked for us in the open fire while he recited poems about Mulga Bill and The Seagull. Mrs Chan introduced hop scotch, marbles, skipping and hula hoop games while Mrs O' Hare opened up the museum so that students could arrange their own displays about famous people from colonial days.

The girls and Mrs Chan decided that skipping with those long skirts was a chore, but that the children in those days sure had a lot of fun. providing entertainment. A big thanks to Mrs Miller who gave of her time to teach in a colonial day classroom and for providing most of the artifacts



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

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
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)
Equestrian: Mrs. Caroline Dobson 45723531
Mrs Teena Welsh 0425 254 412
teenbean1@westnet.com.au
Donna Pellew 0417 774 545
Mrs Liz Moore 4572 3254
Tuesday/Thursday
8.30-10.30am/2.30-4.pm
Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch)
Pastor Greg Peisley
4572 3633/0402 278 483
Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday
<http://rds.ardell.nsw.edu.au>

P & F President:
Uniform Shop:

Canteens:
Arndell Community Church:

Remote Document Access:

TERM DATES :

Term 3 – 2008

Monday 21 July - commenced
Friday 26 September – Term 3 finishes

Term 4 – 2008

Monday 13 October - Term 4 commences
Friday 5 December - College Carols
Tuesday 9 December - Infants Presentation
Wednesday 10 December - Primary School Presentation
Thursday 11 December - Senior School Presentation.
Wednesday 10 December, Term 4 finishes for all students

Term 1 – 2009

Wednesday 28 January commences – Years 7, 11 and 12 only
Thursday 29 January commences – All Students
Wednesday 8 April -Term 1 finishes for all students

DATES FOR COLLEGE CAMPS:

Year 10 - 17th to 19th November (Waterslea – Nowra)



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



Brainteaser

Number 20

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

If one small rabbit can dig a warren in nine hours, a medium rabbit can dig a warren in 6 hours and a large rabbit can dig a warren in four and a half hours, how long will it take one small, one medium and one large rabbit to dig a warren if they all work together?

Answer to brainteaser 19

123 - 45 - 67 + 89 = 100

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Years 7,8 & 9 Monday 4 August (M to Z)

from

3.30pm to 8.50pm

Bookings can be made now

Booking Arrangements:

- Parents may email or ring the school to make bookings with Admin staff through Mrs Parnwell or Mrs Whelan.
- Please have all your child's teachers' names ready to make these bookings.
- Teachers will be given print-outs of their bookings, so they know their timetable for the evening.
- Interviews will take place in the Senior Library building.
- Students are urged to attend these Interviews with their parents, in School Uniform.

Note: Bookings will close at 12mid-day the day prior to your child's designated interview date.

Congratulations to Jordan Piper Yr.6 Red, who will be representing NSW in the Karate Australian Championship to be held in Perth next week.

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



Arndell Anglican College Presents:

Dancing in the Street

An Original Dance Production Inspired by Musicals such as
Fame, West Side Story, Singing in the Rain, 42nd Street
and Many More

Friday 29th August & Saturday 30th August

The John Lambert Centre for the Performing Arts

**Tickets on Sale Now from Administration
Two Shows Only – Don't Miss Out!**

ARNDELL TALENT SPECTACULAR



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH

Tickets available at Admin Reception

\$5.00

Book early

Any enquiries: Contact Miss Doman in the English Department

Arndell Anglican College Annual Golf Day

Thursday 21st August 2008

WINDSOR COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

Come and join us for a great day to meet new people and support your local school.

7:30am Breakfast

8:30am Shotgun Start 4 Person Ambrose

1:30pm Lunch Followed by Presentation

Cost \$65

Also Available sponsorships

\$250

One All inclusive entry to the Golf Day
Promotion of participating Sponsors
In Weekly College News Letter Leading Up
To Golf Day
Promotion of Sponsors at all Major Sporting
Events in 2008
Promotion of Sponsor on the Arndell Website
Signage of Sponsor on Golf Day (Provided By
Sponsor)
Promotion Material distributed to participants
On the golf Day (provided by Sponsor)

\$375

Two All Inclusive entries to the Golf Day + Golf Cart
Promotion of participating Sponsors
In Weekly College News Letter Leading Up
To Golf Day
Promotion of all Major Sporting Events in 2008
Promotion of Sponsor on the Arndell Website
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Arndell Anglican College Annual Golf Day

Booking Form

Team Name _____

Contact Name _____

Team Members 1 _____ 2 _____
3 _____ 4 _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Sponsorship Yes _____ No _____

Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Please Make Cheques Payable to Arndell P&F Association

2008 YEAR 12 TRIAL HSC EXAMINATION TIMETABLE (THURSDAY 7 AUGUST – FRIDAY 15 AUGUST)

Please note:

- Examinations are 3 hours in length unless stated otherwise
- All examinations are in H-Block unless stated otherwise

DAY	SESSION 1 All Exams for Session 1 commence at 8:40	SESSION 2 Exams for Session 2 commence at 12:50 unless stated otherwise
THURSDAY 7 August	English Advanced & Standard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1 (2 Hours) 	Business Studies Exam starts 11:50
FRIDAY 8 August	Mathematics General Mathematics (2.5 Hours) Extension 2 Mathematics	History Extension (2 Hours)
MONDAY 11 August	English Advanced & Standard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 2 (2 Hours) 	PDHPE Exam starts 11:50
TUESDAY 12 August	Legal Studies Textiles & Design (1.5Hours) Ancient History Industrial Tech. Timber (1.5 Hours) Industrial Tech. Graphics(1.5 Hours) French in IT Conference room all day	French in IT Conference room all day Music Aural in Music Rm 1 at 1:30 (1 Hour)
WEDNESDAY 13 August	CAFS Earth & Environment Software Dev & Design Society & Culture (2 Hours) Drama (1.5 Hours)	Mathematics Extension 1 (2 Hours) English Extension 1 (2 Hours)
THURSDAY 14 August	Biology Modern History Physics Visual Arts (1.5Hrs) Entertainment (2 Hours)	Music (Practical) in PA building (2 Hours)
FRIDAY 15 August	Chemistry Geography Hospitality (2 Hours) Information Technology (2 Hours) Senior Science	Catch up exams Showcase Night Set up

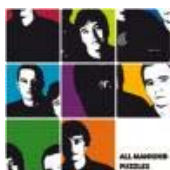
Pitt Town Anglican Community Church
2 Great events this weekend



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LIVE CONCERT ~ Friday August 1 @ 8 pm

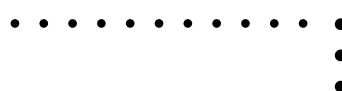
Arndell Anglican College
Performing Arts Building



Tickets: \$10 At the door



Quiz Worx Puppets are
coming to Arndell Anglican
College Performing Arts
Building



Sunday
August 3
10.15 am



Bring
the
Kids