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The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

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Dates for the Diary:

Mon. February 9

Student Auditions – School Musical
Snr. School: ID Photos for Yr 7/new students

Tues. February 10

HZSA Girls Basketball Trials & Gala Day
(Fred Caterson Park)

Wed. February 11

HZSA Boys Basketball Trials & Gala Day
(Fred Caterson Park)
Jnr. School Information Evening - 7pm
Auditorium

Fri. February 13

AICES Open Tennis -Concord
Snr. School Chapel-Auditorium
Jnr. School Student Leaders' Induction
-1.30pm – Auditorium
Chisholm BBQ Lunch

Sat. February 14

D of E Bronze Preliminary Training Day
9am to 3.30pm – at the College

Mon. February 16

AICES: Open Tennis -Concord
HZSA: Trimester 1 Competition begins
HZSA: Girls 15's Basketball Trials -4pm
Hills Grammar

Tues. February 17

CSSA: Primary Super8's Cricket

Wed. February 18

Yr7 Parents/Students meet the
Tutors/Teachers 7pm

Fri. February 20

Jnr. School Chapel-Auditorium
Snr. School Swimming Carnival-Windsor

Sun. February 27

Church/College Welcome Service-
Auditorium

From The Acting Headmaster: Mr. James Webb

My heartfelt and warmest welcome to all families of the Arndell community.

Staff and students are bubbling with excitement at the prospect of a great year ahead.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome new staff to the College – Mrs. Rebekah Davis – Pre Kindergarten Teacher, Mrs. Connie Stephens - Head of Library Services, Mrs. Michaela Miles - Head of Music and Performing Arts, Mr. Christopher Wilson - Music, Mrs. Wendy Parris – French, Mrs. Thea Turner – HSIE, Mrs. Lyn Lewis - Mathematics and Physics, Ms. Daniela Falecki - PE and Drama and Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison TAS.

The HSC and School Certificate results for 2008 once again show that our students excelled across a wide range of subject areas. It is wonderful to consistently see students with UAI's in the 90's. Well done to all and we wish our students, who commence their university course or apprenticeships, every success for the future.

I would like to mention and congratulate Mickaela Calvert from Year 12 who in 2008 joined the National Art School Intensive Studio Practice Course (Board Endorsed Extension Art Course) – A 1 Unit Course given a mark out of 50 and Mickaela received a score of 47. A top 5% position – well done.

So what does the year have in store for us? It really is watch this space as so many events are planned, all requiring community commitment.

A second new venture this year has been the introduction of a Yr.3 – 12 Sport Co-ordinator. Mrs. Rosemary Cornick, High School PE, has taken on this arduous task and will draw together a number aspects of inter-school sport. How can you assist? Give her a call, perhaps you are happy to transport, to coach or to manage teams. I am sure offers will not be refused.

The AGM of the Parents and Friends Association will take place on March 11. Mrs. Donna Pellew completes her time in office and so nominations for the position of President are requested. Mrs. Pellew has done an awesome job drawing the community together and co-ordinating a large number of events, raising both awareness of the College and much needed funds for special projects.

The welcome service, run by the Arndell Community Church, will be held on Sunday 22nd February at 10.15am and as many members as possible from the College Community are invited to attend. It is a wonderful opportunity to share in a service of thanksgiving, to hear God's word and to extend a hand of friendship to others.

This is a wonderful time of year and I urge you to really become involved in all aspects of your children's life at the College.

This year I would like the Auditorium full on every night of the musical "42nd Street". You will be amazed at the talent on show.

We need your sense of humour, your ideas and most of all we need you, the parent body, to really get behind all that is happening at Arndell.

Let us continue to build upon the foundations laid and reach for the sky in all that we do.

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Jim Webb

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

Welcome to Term One 2009. A special welcome to all of those parents and students who are new to Arndell. I know that our time together will be most productive and I look forward to meeting many of you as the year progresses.

We have a few changes in the Junior School in both structure and staffing. The introduction of a Prep class is an exciting step for the College, with Mrs Davis taking on the teaching role and Mrs Hogan the Teacher's Aide. You may be aware that Mrs Rankin has had some significant health issues and when she returns this year she will be 4 days a week in the Junior School Library with Mrs Miller returning to the classroom for the duration of 2009.

Every year at this time I mention the importance of clear and regular communication between the College and the home. If at any time, you have concerns regarding your child, then please do not hesitate to discuss them with your child's class teacher, the stage co-ordinator or with me. Your child's class teacher should always be the first port of call. Messages or comments by teachers and parents can be written in the College diary in the Primary classes, while Infants classes use the "Boomerang Book" system.

While on the subject of communication, Information Evening for the Junior School will be held next Wednesday, 11th February. This is an opportunity for parents to learn what is planned for the term and year in their child's class. There will be two alternative times for parents to meet with teachers: 6:00pm and 7:00pm. You should have already received a note regarding this important event.

Textbooks have already been distributed to students in Kindergarten to Year Six. If there have been any complications regarding textbooks, please let me know as soon as possible.

Events coming up include:

- Information Evening: 11th February
- Student Leaders Induction: 13th February
- Life Education Caravan arrives: 19th February
- 3-6 Swimming Carnival: 26th February
- Awards Assembly: 6th March

Enjoy your weekend

Head of Senior School: Mrs. L. Gillen

What a great start to the New Year! As I walk around the school, I have felt the energy and focus that is coming from each classroom. Thank you to everyone – students, staff and parents for the enthusiasm you have shown for the new academic year. Please keep it up, and let us make 2009 the best year yet!

All students in the Senior School (Years 7 to 12) will shortly receive their **Assessment Handbook**. This booklet lists all the assessments planned in each subject in the coming year and shows the week they are to be submitted. Actual dates and times will be notified when the task is given out, at least two weeks before the due date. At the start of the booklet are all the procedures to be followed when preparing and submitting an assessment task.

Students:

You should read your handbook thoroughly. You will find out a great deal of useful information about the rules and procedures for assessment tasks. You will also find out when every assessment task for the year will be due for submission. Go through your booklet, and write these dates in your diary. You will be able to plan your work and not be so overwhelmed by the tasks you have to do for school.

Parents:

Please also read this booklet, and help your student organise their diary. This will enable them to see when they have busy times, and need to be well prepared, working in advance to get everything completed on time.

The booklet also gives the procedures for submitting an assessment task late due to illness or some other misadventure. These rules ensure fairness for all students. We ask, therefore, that you be aware that **we do require a Medical Certificate** if a student is sick on the due date, even in Years 7, 8 and 9. For other absences, as most of these are foreseeable, we ask that the student hand in the task early and therefore avoid a late penalty. All questions about assessments should be directed to the Head of Department, who will consult with Mr Webb or myself for any clarification if needed.

Students have many calls on their time: school, sporting, work and family commitments. The key to a successful school year, with a minimum of stress, is to be organised and put in regular amounts of effort, rather than waiting until the last minute. This is a great skill to learn now. It will stand you in good stead for the rest of your life.

School Certificate and HSC Special Exam Provisions:

Any student sitting their School Certificate or HSC, who requires special provisions in order to complete their examination in 2009, is able to see Mrs. Allen about whether they are eligible, what provisions are available and how to get the process started. Students who have a physical or intellectual impairment, medical condition or learning difficulty are usually eligible.

If any parents would like more information on this subject, please check the Board of Studies website for information on Special Examination Provisions and download a copy of their information pamphlet. Having ascertained whether an application is warranted or likely to be needed, next contact Mrs. Allen by ph: 4572 3633 or by letter, through the school. Thank you!

Mrs. Donna Allen (Learning Support)

Arndell Sports Desk: Head of Sport - Mrs. R. Cornick



Welcome back! We certainly have hit the ground running!

In these first 2 weeks the Senior school students have had the opportunity to sign up for HZSA Inter School Sport. There has been a variety of sports available for them. Girls & Boys Futsal, Indoor Cricket, Volleyball and Senior Tennis; Yr 7 Gala days in AFL (boys) and OzTag (girls), Representative Boys & Girls Basketball. All teams had a deadline of Thursday 5th Feb and I would encourage parents to support and recommend team sports as a way of meeting new friends and developing our community spirit.

In the Junior School there is the opportunity to be involved in Inter School Competitions through a number of Gala days that will be organised through the HZSA and other schools throughout the year. Parents are asked to check the Primary Sports Notice board situated between stage 3 & Stage 2 for proposed dates.

Swimming Carnival preparation is well underway. The **Senior carnival is on Friday 20th February at Hawkesbury Oasis, Windsor** and the **Junior (yr 3- 6) Carnival is on Thursday 26th February at Richmond Swimming pool**. Parents are reminded that these are both compulsory events and all students are expected to attend, participate and support their House. The College Representative team is selected from these carnivals and students selected to swim for the College at CSSA or HZSA (and beyond) will be expected to wear the College swimming costume. These can be purchased from the Uniform shop.

With the Primary students there is a very short window of opportunity between the College carnival and the CSSA Zone carnival- one day! - so if parents need to buy a swimming costume for their child for the College carnival, then buying a College costume would be the best option, particularly if there is a chance of selection into the College Swimming Squad. The Uniform Shop will open especially for Primary students on Friday 27th Feb at 8.15am.

Carnival dates and Representative trials dates for 2009 have been posted on both Sports Notice boards and are on the College calendar, which can be accessed through the Parent Portal. The Sports webpage is currently being revised and

all sport dates for 2009 will be up on the Sport webpage in Extra Curricular Activities by the end of week 2. Parents are recommended to keep up to date with what is going on through these avenues.

Students who excel at a particular sport have the opportunity to represent Arndell through various channels. Please speak to Mrs Cornick if you wish to find out more information.

I look forward to seeing students develop to their full potential in the sporting arena in 2009.

Student ID Cards:

The School Photographers will be taking photos for the School Photo ID Cards on Monday 9th February, 2009 for all **new** students. If any student has **lost/misplaced** their card, they will be able to have their photo retaken at a cost of \$8.00. Please fill in the form below and return it to the Administration office with the amount of \$8.00. All High School students need to have an ID card for use throughout the school

VISUAL ARTS NEWS...

The 2009 SWIMMING CARNIVAL COVER DESIGN COMPETITION



During the first three weeks of Visual Arts, Year 7 and Year 8 students are given the opportunity to enter a design competition for the front cover of the 2009 Swimming Carnival Program. This competition is an annual event which allows students to showcase their talent within the school. There will be a winner from each House whose artwork will feature on the front cover of their House program. The works will be judged by Mrs. Huett, Mrs Daly, Mrs. Laffin and the PE Staff.

If you are interested in being involved in this competition and you are not in Year 7 or 8, feel free to visit The Arts Staffroom, during recess or lunch, to collect an entry form. Entries must be in to Mrs. Huett (at the Arts Staffroom) by Friday 13th February.

Happy designing!

Rebecca Huett - Visual Arts Teacher

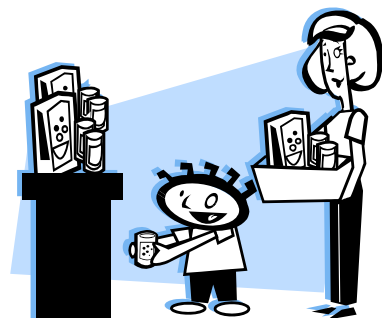
PLEASE DONATE...

The Visual Arts Department would like to request the donation of the following items:

- ★ Magazines
- ★ Ice-cream lids
- ★ Short sleeved business shirts

Thank-you, your donations and help are very much appreciated.

**Visual Arts
Staff**



Anglican College Directory:

Acting Headmaster:	Mr James Webb
Acting Head of Snr School:	Mrs Lynn Gillen
Head of Junior School:	Mr Rick Harrison
Chaplain	Rev. Graeme Sedorenko
Counsellor:	Ms Sarah Tabone
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
P & F President:	Donna Pellew 0417 774 45
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 http://rds.arndell.nsw.edu.au
Remote Document Access:	

IMPORTANT TERM DATES-2009

Term 1 – 2009

Wednesday 28 January commences – Years 7, 11 and 12 only

Thursday 29 January commences – All remaining Students (except Kindergarten/Pre-Kinder)

Friday 30 January commences – Kindergarten/Pre - Kinder

Wednesday 8 April -Term 1 finishes for all students

Term 2 -2009

Tuesday 28 April to Friday 3 July

Term 3 – 2009

Monday 27 July – Friday 2 October

Term 4 – 2009

Tuesday 20 October to Wednesday 9 December.

Tuesday 8 December – Infants Presentation Afternoon

Wednesday 9 December – Primary School Presentation Even.

Thursday 10 December – Senior School Presentation Even.

School Camp – 2009

6 April to 8 April – Yr 5 Camp (Hill End)

Mon. 4th May to Thurs 7 May – Yr 9 Camp (Waterslea)

Wed. 6 May to Fri 8 May – Yr 11 Camp (Katoomba)

Wed. 6 May to Fri 8 May – Yr 7 Camp (Rathane/Telford)

Wed. 6 May to Fri 8 May – Yr 8 Camp (Somerset)



Arndell Community Church

A contemporary church for
YOU and YOUR FAMILY.

We meet every Sunday of the year at

10.15am 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

Café Connect: Tuesday/Friday Mornings 8.15am-9.30am

Students: Friday Lunch “The Way” meet in D1

Adults: Fridays “People Looking at God’s Word”

9.25am at the College
All Welcome

Children with Anxiety



...for children aged 8-12 years
and
their parent/s

The group will help children identify their thoughts & feelings, recognize unhelpful thinking, & learn to fight their fear and face their anxiety.

The group will help parents understand how thoughts affect feelings; develop management techniques and ways to help their child relax.

Course covers:

- Teaching the child to relax
- How thoughts effect feelings
- Identifying, challenging unhelpful thinking
- Fighting fears & facing anxiety
- Relapse prevention

Cost: FREE
When: 16th February 2009
Where: Rouse Hill (4:30pm start)

For more information...

Please contact
Mrs Tabone at the College

Important Dates for all:

Wed. 18th February 2009

7pm Auditorium

**Yr. 7 Parents/Students, meet the
Tutors/Teachers**

Sun. 22nd February 2009

10.15am Auditorium

Welcome College/Church Service

Wed. 11th March 2009

7pm Snr. Library

P & F AGM

Music, Speech and Drama lessons.

Are you interested?

Lessons are available at the College for:

Piano	Flute
Saxophone	Trumpet and other Brass
Clarinet	Guitar
Drums	Speech and Drama

FEES PER SEMESTER (two terms)

Individual lessons \$500. Group lessons are available for Speech and Drama and for beginner instrumentalists.

If you are interested please register for lessons by emailing your child/children's names and contact phone numbers to musictuition@arndell.nsw.edu.au.

ARNDELL EQUESTRIAN: *Teena Welsh Arndell Team Manager*

Welcome back to another year of interschool events for Arndell Equestrian. I hope everyone and their horses had a nice Christmas rest. If you are new to Arndell or have entered the horse riding world and would like to be a part of the Arndell Equestrian Team please call or email me to be added to the Arndell Equestrian Newsletter email list. This enables me to keep you updated on upcoming events and news. Programs of upcoming events will continue to be forwarded by email to the Arndell Equestrian Team (which have supplied their email addresses) and a hardcopy on the front office notice board. You can also go to

<http://www.efansw.com.au/default.asp?Page=9175&MenuID=Schools/c14183/9019/>

which is the EFA NSW Interschool upcoming events page.

Upcoming events as follows

- 5,7,8th March 2009 NSW EFA Interschool Championships at SIEC (Entries closed)
- Saturday 28th March 2009 Pymble Ladies College Interschool Dressage Day at St Ives. Entries close Tuesday 3rd March
- 23-24th May 2009 Hunter Valley Grammar School Equestrian Championships (Details to follow)
- 20th September 2009 Oxley College Equestrian Day (Details to follow)

If you have any questions or would like more information about obtaining a saddlecloth or browband please don't hesitate to contact me at teenbean1@westnet.com.au or 0425254412

Happy Riding

Confidential Student Medical Information: Administration

Please find attached to the Advocate, forms relating to the Medical Information for your child. If you have not submitted a Student Medical form to the Administration, could we ask that you fill this in and return it back to Admin at your earliest. If you are not sure whether you have then call the College to check or submit it and we will check the information for you.

Many thanks.

Uniform Shop News: Mrs. Elizabeth Moore

- **A BIG THANK YOU** to all the ladies who have volunteered their time to help out in the uniform shop both at the end of last year, including stocktake, and back to school for 2008. Our second hand clothing pool could not operate without the hours they spend sorting, logging, pricing, tagging, recording and organizing payment to sellers. Thank you to Fiona, Kim, Sue, Wendy, Jo, Kerrie, Lisa, Janet, Caroline and Eleni for the many hours you have put in over many years.
- Thank you to those who have brought their second hand clothing to the uniform shop already sorted, and presented in accordance with the new "Conditions for Acceptance of 2nd Hand Clothing" document which was included in the Arndell Advocate last year. It certainly does streamline the process considerably for both the uniform shop and the seller. If you would like to bring any pre-loved school clothing to the uniform shop to sell, please ensure that you are familiar with these conditions (copies available from the uniform shop) and only present those items which are suitable to sell.
- **IT IS TIME TO TRY ON YOUR BLAZER** as Blazer fitting day is less than 4 weeks away (Thursday 5th March). See details below. Every student in the school (K-12) will require a Blazer to wear with their winter uniform. Whilst winter changeover does not occur until Monday 11th May, now is the time to decide if your current blazer will still fit, or if you require a new one (or a 2nd hand blazer). In past years we have had many students without a blazer that fitted them simply because they had grown out of last year's blazer and didn't realize until after the fitting day. If you have outgrown your old blazer, and if it is in good condition (new logo, in good repair and DRY CLEANED), it may be brought to the uniform shop to sell in the 2nd hand clothing pool. Many families are looking for good quality 2nd hand blazers, so get them in ASAP.
- **THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN FRIDAY 27TH FEB 8:15 – 9:00am** for those students who will be representing the junior school at the CSSA zone swimming carnival on Monday 2nd March requiring a school swimsuit. Alternatively you can come to the uniform shop on Thursday 26th Feb 2:30 – 4:00 at the conclusion of the junior school swimming carnival.

Blazer fittings will be held on Thursday 5th March 2009.

Students must be at school on this day to be fitted. (Infants will be fitted first shortly after 9am, followed by primary, then high school classes at recess.) Blazers are a compulsory part of the Arndell Anglican College Uniform and they are individually fitted for each student.

Jnr. Girls (Yrs.K-6)	\$160.00	Jnr. Boys (Yrs K-6)	\$210.00
High School Girls Yrs 7-10)	\$170.00	High School Boys (Yrs. 7-10)	\$220.00
Snr. Girls (Yrs. 11-12)	\$195.00	Snr. Boys (Yrs. 11-12)	\$245.00

Note: Boys Blazers have extra details. e.g. pockets and lapels. Prices include fittings, alterations and GST. Delivery W/C 28/4/2009

An \$80.00 deposit is required to confirm and register your child for a fitting. This must be paid to the Uniform shop before Thursday 26 February, or your child cannot be fitted. A late fee will apply to anybody requiring a fitting after 5th March.

Years 11/12 students requiring a senior stripe to be applied to their blazer, the senior stripe will automatically be applied at the above price. If you currently have a blazer that fits please bring your dry-cleaned blazer to the Uniform shop before Tuesday 3rd March and a senior strip will be applied at a cost of \$25.00 to be paid in advance.

Second Hand Blazers: anyone wishing to sell their blazer (if in good condition, with the current logo and dry-cleaned) can bring them into the uniform shop now.

Brainteaser: Number 29

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 you reverse the digits of my age, you have the age of my son. A year ago, I was twice his age. How old are we both now?

Answer to brainteaser 28: Multiply 512 and 1,953,125.