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The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

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Dates for the Diary:

Monday, February 23

Assessment Tasks Due:

- Yr 11 History
HZSA Girls/Boys 16's Open Hockey Trials
4pm Pennant Hills

Tuesday, February 24

Yr 11 Biology Excursion – Brewongle

Wednesday, February 25

HZSA (Yrs5/6) Primary Gala Day

Thursday, February 26

Jnr. School Swimming Carnival

- Richmond Swimming Pool

Yrs 7-11 2008 Showcase

7pm – Auditorium

Yr 9 VA Excursion – Windsor

Friday, February 27

Jnr. School Chapel – Infants

Snr. School Chapel

HSC Music 2 Workshop – Oxley College

Yr 10 PASS (Mr. Gordon) Windsor Bowl

Friday, February 27 to Saturday 28

D of E O'night Bronze Expedition

Blue Mtns. National Park

Monday, March 2

CSSA Zone Western Swimming Carnival

Blacktown

Assessment Tasks Due:

Yrs 9r/9W History
NSWCIS Primary Tennis Trials - Pymble
Ladies College

Tuesday, March 3

HZSA All Schools Triathlon

Assessment Tasks Due:

Yr 10G/10R History, Yr8R Visual Arts
Yr 8 /B/W Geography. Yr 9 G/B,
Geography, Yr 9 History R/W
Yr 11 Geography Excursion – Sydney
Olympic Park

From The Acting Headmaster: Mr. James Webb



I would like to use the Advocate, this week, to express my thanks for the wonderful support that is given to so many activities at Arndell.

Welcome Service

It was an enormous pleasure and privilege to be a part of the combined Community Church and College's welcome service and fun day yesterday.

I delayed the Advocate until today to say a huge thank you to all involved. Numbers were a little difficult to finalise but I suspect somewhere in the region of 280. We are truly a community and it is clear to me that more of these events will bond us together. My thanks to the Junior and Senior choirs led by Mrs. Miles and accompanied by Mr. Wright.

Senior Swimming Carnival

Friday was a great day – full of fun and laughter combined with some excellent results. My thanks to the staff and students for your tireless efforts and in particular to Mrs. Cornick, Sports Co-ordinator, for the organisation. Once again the parents, who attended, were a tremendous support. The College thanks you.

Information Evenings Junior School and Senior School

The past few weeks have seen so many activities involving parents getting to know teachers. The junior school is a little easier, as it is generally the class teacher plus stage co-ordinator, giving the class teacher the opportunity to explain the year ahead. The senior school is a little different with many teachers involved and a greater degree of organisation. My thanks to the junior staff and their commitment over the evenings and to the senior staff for the **Year 7 Meet the Teacher** evening. In particular to Mrs. Daly for co-ordinating and running the event. On chatting with a parent at the end of a very hectic but productive evening I was bowled over by the comment 'after this evening I can see why my child is so happy here and why her commitment to work has grown enormously. Mr. Webb are your teachers always this happy and involved?'

Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting.

I would really like to see an increase in support for the P&F. This group does a wonderful job in developing activities and raising much needed funds for your children. Mrs. Donna Pellew now stands down at the end of a very successful term in office. Nominations for President and other vacant positions are required by 27th February 2009. Please consider this very important role.

Uniform Shop

The task of running the Uniform Shop is huge and Mrs. Elizabeth Moore commits time way in excess of the job description. However Mrs. Moore is the first to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of her team of volunteers. The College thanks this group for ensuring that both new and second-hand uniforms are presented to the parents at the best prices and in the best condition. Many other schools do not run a second-hand shop due to the work involved. We are so blessed to have parents who will commit to this very important aspect of the College community.

What can we do to make Arndell a better place for your children?

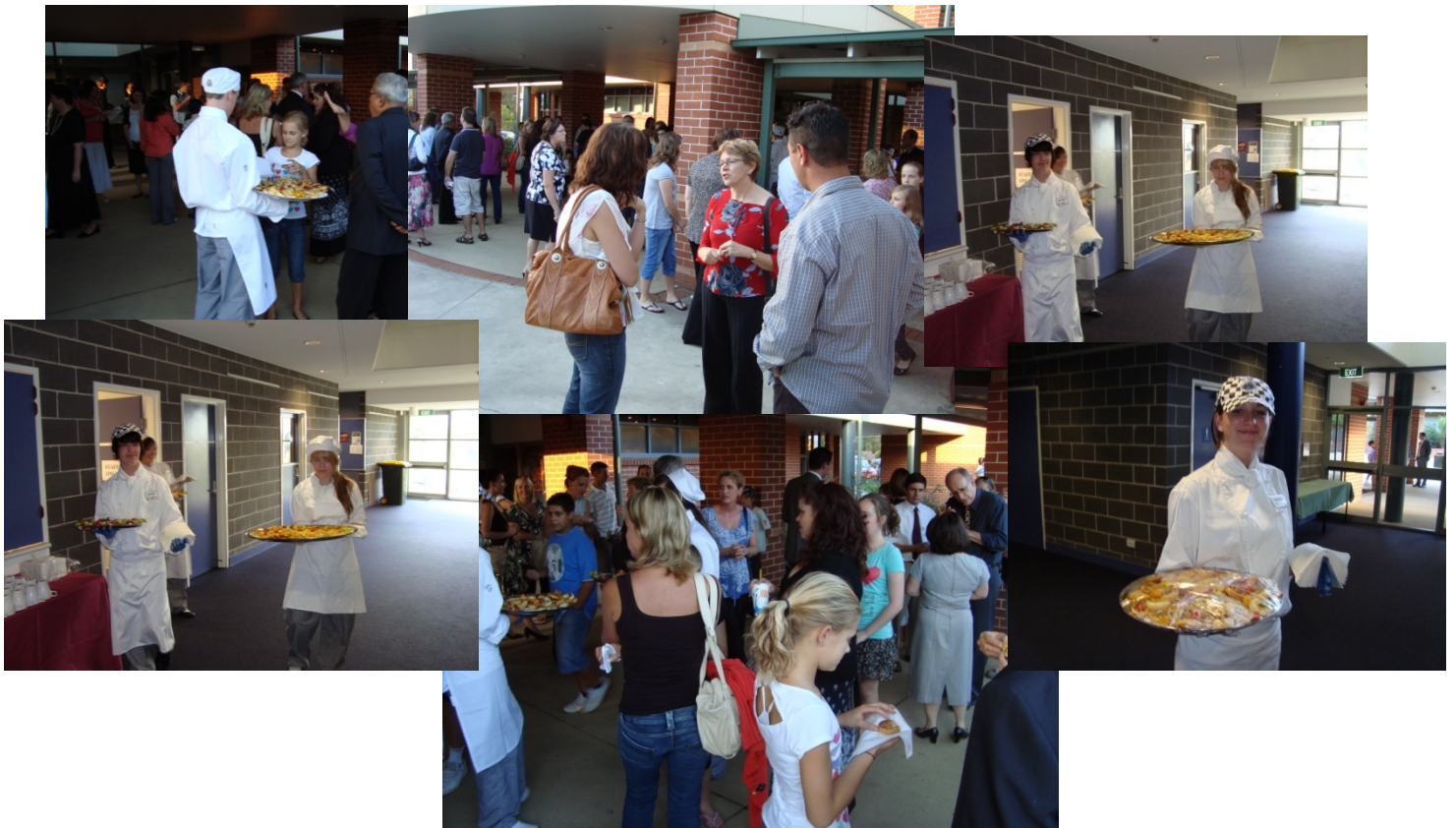
In the life of any school changes need to be made to meet the needs of the community. Standards are set, expectations followed through and comments taken on board to ensure that we go from strength to strength. Communication is a vital aspect of our relationship with you. If we do this well then a message is sent through the community which says to others "Arndell Anglican College is a place where I send my child because it is unashamedly A Christian College, has the capacity to educate to the highest level, it cares for the welfare of my child and most of all it listens when something needs to be said." The College is so much more than this but it needs affirmation or criticism to enable it to grow. Please work with us when we need to communicate with you and we will listen when you need to communicate with us.

I have been involved in a number of discussions with parents, recently, over issues involving expectations and behaviour. Decisions were taken that all sides agreed to in the best interest of the student. Not always was there agreement as to the cause but ultimately justice was seen to be done.

Parents need to know that the clearer the message, the simpler the rules and the greater the partnership the better the College will be. Communicate with us through Class teachers, Stage Co-ordinators, Subject Teachers, Heads of House, Heads of Department or the Executive. Involve yourself with the life of the College through the P&F and grow in the community that is Arndell.

Jim Webb

Year 7 students and Parents – 'Meet the Teacher/Tutor Evening'



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



Thank you to all the parents who attended Information Evening last Wednesday, I am sure you went home looking forward to all the things that are being planned for this year.

Last Friday we held our Student Leader Induction Service. The Junior School Captains, Prefects and House Captains all received their badges in front of their peers and their proud parents and grandparents. Our student leaders for this year are as follows:

Captains:	Madeleine Midgley and James Vernon.
Prefects:	Zac Elven, Megan Fitzgerald, Alexandra Garcia, Jake Hilder, Molly Hogan, Kaitlyn Meca, Carson Mills, Daniel Robins, Alexandria Smith and Zac Woodley.
Chisholm House Captains:	Mitchell Kenny, Lauren Sinclair.
Greenway House Captains:	Bianca Hardaker, Joshua Ellison.
Johnson House Captains:	Dakota Cooke-Martin, Kellie Stack.
Macquarie House Captains:	Bailey Pritchard, Sally Stever.
Tebbutt House Captains:	Alexander Earle, Emily Stenhouse.

The Captains and Prefects have already been carrying out some of their responsibilities and have their first Awards Assembly early next month. The House Captains will have their “baptism of fire” during the Swimming Carnival next week.

The LEAP programme for the Infants classes started this week (except Kindergarten, which will start next term). There are some logistical problems to be sorted before starting Primary LEAP, but I am hoping that these will be dealt with by next week.

A few things for parents to remember:

- The basketball/netball court is not to be used for parking other than after school (and during some special events). Please do not use it for parking before school even if the gates are open.
- If you are ordering items through either the Scholastic or Koorong book clubs, please mark the outside of the envelope with either “Scholastic” or “Koorong”.
- If your Junior School child makes a request to wear Senior School uniform (usually, but not restricted to the Senior School sports cap) please do not allow them to do so. The only time that Junior School students may wear Senior School items of uniform is when Year Six students wear out, or grow out of an item of uniform during Fourth Term. Then and then only, may Senior School items be worn. Note: Year Six and Fourth Term only.

There are still a few places available in our Prep group. The best form of advertising is word-of-mouth, so if you know of anyone in the community with children in the year before Kindergarten, please let them know.

Events coming up include:

- Life Education Caravan arrives: 19th February
- Yr 5 & 6 Hills Zone Gala Day: 25th February
- 3-6 Swimming Carnival: 26th February
- CSSA Zone swimming Carnival: 2nd March
- Awards Assembly (Year 3 item): 6th March

Enjoy your weekend.



Junior School Captains: Madeleine Midgley and James Vernon.

Head of Senior School: Mrs. L. Gillen



It was very pleasing to meet so many Year 7 parents at our 'Meet the Teacher/Tutor' evening last Wednesday. I would like to thank those parents who came, for their support and the meaningful dialogue that we were able to have. We look forward to meeting you again at other parent nights.

We have two upcoming events to which the whole school community is invited, and we would particularly like to extend an invitation to you to be part of this.

Sunday, 22nd February, our Welcome Service was an exciting event that I am sure we all enjoyed. It was a time for joining in worshipping our great Lord, and learn more about His Son, Jesus, and HIS sacrifice for us.

On Thursday, 26th February, we are showcasing the talents of our students, and displaying their work from last year. Details are in the advertisement later in this Newsletter. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students, and congratulating them on their fine work.

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



Congratulations to: Danica Barbagallo (Yr 9) for her selection to play in the AICES Open Tennis Championships. Alexandra Cornick (Yr11) for her selection into the HZSA Open girls Basketball Team and Reece Tuckerman (Yr11) for his selection to trial for the CSC Cricket team to play for CSC in the Lord Tavener's Cup

The following teams have been entered into the HZSA Inter School Competition: Junior Girls & Open Boys Futsal, Inter mediate Boys Indoor Cricket, and Open Boys Volleyball. All draws are now available and posted on the Sports Notice Board outside the gym. Students should have collected their own copy.

Junior School Sport:

Congratulations to Erin Vucko (Yr6) for her nomination to play in the CIS Primary Tennis trials. Year 5 & 6 are participating in the Primary HZSA Gala Day on Wednesday 25th February. Letters have been given out this week. The students will be participating in round robin competitions in Cricket, Newcombe ball and Tee ball.

CSSA Basketball: Students from Years 4 -6 who play at Representative level or have played for a club team at a good standard should see Mrs Cornick about nominating for the CSSA team to Trial at the CIS Basketball trials. Nominations close on Monday 23rd February

Arndell Swimming Carnivals:

The Senior carnival is on Friday 20th February at Hawkesbury Oasis, Windsor. **Senior students who have not returned a note requesting transport by bus will now have to make their own way to the carnival.** The Junior (yr 3- 6) Carnival is on Thursday 26th February at Richmond Swimming pool. If there are children in Yr2 who are club swimmers then please let Mrs Cornick know as there maybe the opportunity for these students to swim. Parents are reminded that carnivals are compulsory events and all students are expected to attend, participate and support their House. The College Representative team is selected from each carnival 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. The Uniform Shop will open especially for Primary students on Friday 27th Feb at 8.15am.

Carnival, Gala Day 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 shortly. Parents are recommended to keep up to date with what is going on in sport through these avenues.

P&F News: Mrs Donna Pellew



Welcome back and I hope that your holidays were peaceful and relaxing leaving you ready to tackle 2009 with renewed enthusiasm and commitment to our children and the College.

The Parent and Friends Association Annual General Meeting will be held in the Senior Library on 11th March 2009 at 7.30pm. At this meeting all existing positions held within the Committee will be re-elected. All nominations are required to be handed into the office by 27th February.

The AGM meeting is also your opportunity to discuss any concerns you have about the college, find out what is planned for the coming year or even put your hand up to be part of the committee. Let's work together Parents, Staff and Students to make this school a wonderful place full of opportunities for the students to learn and grow. Our school from the outside may look complete but there is so much more to be done and updated.

Lastly, this year I stand down from the position of President. I would like to thank all those I have worked with over the last 3 years. It has been fun. I have enjoyed meeting so many of you all. It also has been rewarding watching all the improvements over the years. I wish the incoming President and new committee- whoever they maybe all the very best. I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM and throughout 2009.

Uniform Shop News: Mrs. Elizabeth Moore

- **IT IS TIME TO TRY ON YOUR BLAZER** as Blazer fitting day is less than 2 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.

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/2.30-4pm
Canteens: Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch)
Pastor Greg Peisley
4572 3633/0402 278 483
Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday
Arndell Community Church: <http://rds.arndell.nsw.edu.au>
Remote Document Access:

IMPORTANT TERM DATES-2009

Term 1 – 2009

Wednesday 8 April -Term 1 finishes for all students

Term 2 -2009

Monday 27 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

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

P & F AGM Wednesday 11th March 2009 7pm in the Senior School Library

Arndell Anglican College

P & F Nomination Form

I nominate:

For the position of:

Signed:

Seconded by:

Signature of nominee:

All nominees should be financial members by 11th March meeting of the P & F. The \$1 membership fee can be paid prior to the meeting at the front office or at the meeting.

Nomination forms need to be returned to the Admin office by 27th February

Important Dates for all:

Thursday, 26th February

Year 7-11 2008

Showcase

7pm – Auditorium

Jnr. School Swimming Carnival

- Richmond Swimming Pool

Wed. 11th March 2009

7pm Snr. Library

P & F AGM

Arndell Anglican College



Family Fun Day (Fete) Saturday, May 30



The Family Fun Day Committee of Arndell Anglican College are arranging the next school fete to be held at the school on Saturday May 30th between 1pm and 6pm.

After last year's very successful event we are looking forward to an even more enjoyable and rewarding day for everyone.

More details will follow a little nearer to the event but in the meantime we are looking for volunteers to join our team and help create a school fete that is simply awesome. Many hands make light work and jobs differ enormously you may only be able to contribute a little time closer to the day for example with distributing notes or cake boxes ,alternatively you might like to co ordinate a stall .

Please consider helping out, it's a fun day and notice this year it's in **May** away from the hustle and bustle of the end of year activities.

If you are interested in helping or you have a suggestion contact us we would love to hear from you, remember this is a great opportunity for the whole school to come together and have some fun and create community spirit within the school.

Contact us via email, phone or drop a note to the front office marking it as "family fun day"

Email	funday@arndell.nsw.edu.au	
Co ordinators	Prue Stever	041 741 9161
	Sharon Fitzgerald	044 849 3559

Reading Glasses found in the Auditorium may be collected from Student Services.

Brainteaser: Number 30

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 husband and wife were walking home from the shopping mall with their purchases when the husband began to complain that his load was too heavy. The wife turned to her husband and said "I don't know what you're complaining about because if you gave me one of your parcels, I would have twice as many as you, and if I gave you just one of mine, we would have equal loads."

How many parcels were each carrying?

Answer to brainteaser 29: Father: 73; Son: 37