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The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

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Dates for the Diary:

Monday March 23

Yr 10 Commerce Exc. – Windsor Law Courts

Wednesday March 25

AICES Girl's Basketball
Assessment Tasks Due:
Yr 7 English

Thursday March 26

Assessment Tasks Due:
Yr 9 PASS Archery

Thursday March 26 – Saturday March 28

D of E Silver Expedition – Blue Mtns National Park

Friday March 27

HSC Mid Course Exams
Jnr/Snr School Chapel
Yr 10 PASS – Windsor Bowl

Monday March 30

HSC Mid Course Exams
CIS Primary Girls Soccer Trials

Tuesday March 31

HSC Mid Course Exams
Yr 7 Greek Festival Incursion
HZSA 15's/Open Netball Trials
SASC Jnr. School Leaders Meeting
Assessment Tasks due:
Yr. 9 PASS Archery
Yr 11 PDHPE Research & Report

Wednesday April 1

HSC Mid Course Exams
Primary School Cross Country – Cattai National Park
CSSA Boys Soccer/Girls Netball

Thursday April 2

HSC Mid Course Exams
AICES Swimming Championships
HZSA Opens Boys / Girls Football Trials
CSSA Boys Soccer/ Girls Netball

From The Acting Headmaster: *Mr. James Webb*



Welcome to our new staff.

The College community welcomes Michelle Baxter and Philomena Smith to its ranks. Mrs Baxter is taking the place of Mrs Jennifer Daly in TAS and Graphics and Ms Smith is taking the place of Mrs Woodward in HSIE. Both of our staff members are taking maternity leave and I am sure you would join me in wishing them well and a safe return in 2010.

Our Pre- Kindergarten teacher Mrs Davis will also be taking maternity leave later in the year and Mr Harrison is at present seeking a suitable replacement.

Well we have almost reached the end of the term and in doing so are looking at what we have achieved and what we need to address in future months.

Part of the strategy for building a vision for the College will be to ask you, the community, to comment on the College. On Line-Surveys will shortly be in place, Focus Groups will be asked for and a Demographic Survey is being arranged as I write. We want you to help us deliver an education with Jesus Christ at its centre and to assist us to bring more students into Arndell. We can only do this if you 'get on board the freight train', work with us to understand better what we are doing well and what we need to do to improve.

Exciting Times Ahead

Two significant projects through the Government's Building the Education Revolution – waiting anxiously for approval.

- New Junior Library – once the plans are finalized I will put them in the Advocate
- Shade covering for the Junior and Senior Basketball courts and Astro Turf outside the Pre-Kinder Classroom

Great News! Term 2 first Monday back (April 27) after the Easter break will be a public holiday for the College. Even though it is not gazetted with the government, it is gazetted in our College Diary and as such the Chairman has asked that we, like many other establishments and schools, follow this through.

Invitation

*Easter Service - Monday 6th April
at 7.00pm in the Auditorium*

*Can I urge you, in binding us together
to come along and fill the Auditorium.*

*Join in a service to celebrate the
Death and Resurrection of Jesus*

An hour out of your busy time may change your life.

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



The first Awards Assembly for the year was held in Week 6. Year 3 gave a wonderful exhibition of their gymnastics skills set to music. Our Student Leaders ran their first assembly well, despite its extra length due to the distribution of swimming ribbons. The following students received Headmaster's Awards:

KR: Nelson Christopher, Mackenzie Holland;	K/1B: Allie Roper, Zach Taylor;
1R: Kate Powell, Makenzie Thomas;	
2B: Taryn Phillips, Ethan Clohessy;	2R: Brianna Ayres, Damen Low;
3B: Isabelle Skyring, Jack O'Leary;	3R: Aaron MacDonald, Brooke Ellison;
4B: Amelia Pinter, Brooke Croft;	4R: Marcus Dumesny, Lachlan Robinson;
5B: Joshua O'Brien, Amy Fradd;	5R: Melissa Whitmore, Steven Selff;
6B: Chelsea Hall, Alexandria Smith;	6R: Nathaniel Goldrick, Daniel Cosentino.

Congratulations to all.

Last Thursday, as a part of "Australia's Greatest Shave", Thomas Rance of 4 Red had his locks shorn while a large number of students looked on. Thomas collected sponsorship before the event and the watching students also contributed. Thomas raised a total of \$709 for the Leukaemia Foundation. Congratulations and well done, Thomas.

It appears that there may have been some confusion regarding the starting date for Term 2. The date shown in the College diary is correct. The first day of Term 2 will be Tuesday, 28th April.

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:

- "Brainstorm" Performance, "The Human Race": 24th March
- Excursion: Yr6 LEAP to Maritime Museum: 25th March
- Excursion: Yr3 Sydney Wildlife World: 26th March
- CIS Swimming: 27th March
- 3-6 Cross Country Carnival: 1st April

Enjoy your weekend,



Jnr School Fun Day

From the Head of the Senior School: Mrs Lynn Gillen



Assessment Tasks

The assessment program has started now for most classes in Years 7 to 12. It is important for students to be organised, and to prepare their task over the whole time they have following the task notification. They should plan their work to finish several days before the task is due, to enable them to cope with any mishaps such as printers running out of ink, or computer problems, as these are not acceptable excuses for not being able to hand in a task, or handing it in late.

Parents, please ask your child for their copy of the Assessment Handbook if you are unsure of the procedures and rules for handing in assessment tasks. For example, did you know that if a student is away on the day of an assessment task being due, we require a doctor's certificate as evidence of the student's illness?

Prior arrangements can be made if there are extraordinary circumstances that will not allow a student to complete a task on time. These can be arranged by contacting the Head of Department or me.

Banned Items

Students and parents should be aware of the items that are banned from the school premises. They appear on page 10 of the Student Diary. To combat an increasing graffiti problem, from Monday 23rd March, I am asking staff to confiscate these materials from students. They will be sent to Student services and labelled with the name of the student to await collection by a parent.

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:	Mrs Neile Thompson 0414 845 488
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:	

IMPORTANT TERM DATES-2009

Term 1 – 2009

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

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

Scholarships for 2010

- For academic entry into Years 7,9 and 11
- For musical performance, into Years 7 and above

Scholarship information available from the
College Administration office

Applications close Thursday 9th April

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Reminder enrolments for 2010, if you have a
sibling please check to see that we have the
paperwork, if not contact the College Registrar.

There are vacancies in all years in the College

For Your Diary

College Easter Service



Monday 6th April

7.30pm

College Auditorium

Join with us as we celebrate Easter

Brainteaser

Number 32

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.

In a number of two digits, the digit in the ones place is the square of the digit in tens place and the number formed by reversing the digits exceeds twice the number by 15, what is the number?

Answer to brainteaser 31:

Daniel is the winner. Sarah = 9 miles, Megan = 10 miles, Daniel = 12 miles



Arndell Sports Desk

CONGRATULATIONS!

To all our swimmers who competed in the 3 Swimming Carnivals held on Monday March 9th

CSSA State Swimming Championships at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. Chloe Patterson, Georgia-Rose Thorpe, Elouise Abrahams, Aaron MacDonald, Loren Carter, Tully Lynch, Briney Rigby, David Osburn, Zachary Elven, Alexandria Smith, Rachel Vielhauer, Megan Fitzgerald. All 4 girls relay teams made it through to the CSSA State Championships.

Final Results: West Metro 4th

Age Champions: 9yrs Chloe Patterson Runner Up,

Relay Teams: Medley Girls 8-10yrs 3rd; Girls 11&12yrs 6th; **Freestyle:** Girls 8-10yrs 3rd Girls 11&12yrs 6th.

The following students have gained selection into the **CSSA Primary Team to swim at CIS on Friday March 27th at Homebush.** Chloe Patterson: 9yrs 50m Freestyle and Loren Carter: Jnr 50m Backstroke, 8-10yrs Freestyle relay team: Chloe Patterson, Georgia-Rose Thorpe, Lilly-Ann Keating, Loren Carter. Letters and information will be given to all competitors in week 8.

My thanks and appreciation to Mr Walker for supervising the team, Mrs Patterson for organising the relay teams and all the parents and grandparents who came to support their children.

HZSA Swimming Secondary Championships at Homebush

Yr 7: Jackson Davies, Hamish Davies, Jed Cruikshank, Isabella Love, Mikaela Shields, Katie MacDonald, **Relays:** Benjamin Monds, **Yr 8:** Seaton Kenna, Kelsey Ramm, Lachlan McAuley, Jake Elvin, **Relays:** Andrew Mackinder, Bradley Halliwell. **Yr 9** Anneliese Hoffman, Lauren Stanley, Rebecca Duignan. **Yr10** Dieter Hoffman, Kim Currell, Kurt Jackson, Isabella Garland, Ben Tuynman, Cassandra Brett, Luke Duignan. **Relays:** Sebastian Goldrick, Raquel Abrahams. **Yr11** Amy Manefield, Ian McKelvey, Alexandra Cosentino, **Yr 12** Hayden Collins, Amy Mares, Aleisha Ferguson, Mikaela Calvert, Dominic Thompson. **Relays:** Josh Andrew.

Final Results: Girls Team 6th. Boys Team 5th. Final position 5th

Age Champions: 15yrs - Kimberlee Currell; 15yrs Runners Up – Dieter Hoffman; 17yrs Hayden Collins; 18yrs Amy Mares.

Record Breaker: Hayden Collins 17yrs 50m Butterfly: 27.45

Relay Teams: Medley Boys 14 & Under 8th, Girls 8th; Inter Boys 4th, Girls 4th; Boys Senior 2nd, Girls 4th. **Freestyle:** Boys 14 & Under 9th, Girls 8th; Inter Boys 4th, Girls 4th; Senior Boys 4th, Girls 4th.

The highlight of the Carnival was having Libby Trickett present the trophies and medallions to the students at the conclusion of the carnival. She happened to be at Homebush for a training session. Also seen were Geoff Huegill and diver Matt Mitcham. My thanks & appreciation to Miss Southwell, who accompanied the team to and from the carnival and announced the races and results all the parents who came to support their children and the senior school students who helped with the time keeping.

AICES Championships at Homebush on Wednesday 2nd April. Whilst still waiting for the official team list to confirm invitational swimmers, the following students have automatically gained selection to compete: Amy Mares, Hayden Collins, Dieter Hoffman, Kimberlee Currell, Isabella Love, Hamish Davies, Jackson Davies and Ian McKelvey, Josh Andrew as members of the 17yrs+ Medley relay team.

HZSA Primary Swimming Championships at Homebush. Blake Monds, Benjamin Rance, Hayden Lane, Corey Aldacour, Solomon Roper, Cooper Elven, Jake Hilder, Jake Bigeni, Jack Breene, Jordan Palmer, Ebony Ramm, Brooke Watkins, Gabrielle Naethuys, Elyssia Sproule, Molly Hogan.

The Inaugural Primary Carnival had 7 schools entered and though up against top swimmers from the other schools our team managed a very commendable final position of 4th place.

Age Champion: 10yrs Ebony Ramm; 8yrs Jack Breene 3rd place, 9yrs Brooke Watkins

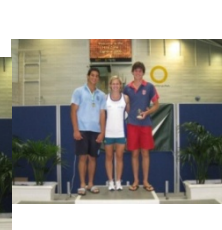
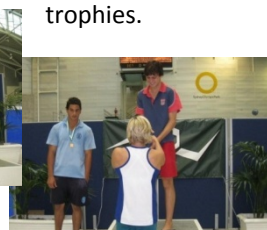
Relay Teams: Boys 11+ Freestyle Relay: 6th; Boys under 10 Freestyle relay 4th

My thanks and appreciation to Mrs Chan, who drove the swimmers to the pool, spent the morning announcing the races and results and then drove the swimmers back to school. Thanks also to the parents and grandparents who came to support their children. Hayden Collins, Amy Mares, Ally Cornick & Amy Manefield who came to assist with officiating and Mr

Webb for

presenting

trophies.



My apologies to Kurt Jackson who is the Senior School 16yrs Age Champion. Adam Roberts & Alex Mifsud are Runners Up.

RUGBY UNION/RUGBY LEAGUE: I am seeking a coach for the Senior School Intermediate Rugby Union team and also the Senior/Intermediate Rugby League team. If you have a contact or are willing to volunteer yourself (1 game & 1 training session per week starting term 2) please contact Mrs Cornick TODAY!

Primary CIS Sport Trials:

The following students took part in the CIS Cricket trials at Kings School on Monday 16th March: Carson Mills, Bronsen Tunbridge, Joshua Ellison, Zachary Elven, Zac O'Brien, Nathaniel Goldrick.

Conner Moore will be attending the Boys AFL trials in Canberra on Friday April 3rd.

HZSA Sports Trials:

Congratulations to Danielle Clay and Alexandra Cornick who were selected into the HZSA Open Girls Touch Football team. They will play in the AICES Championships on Tuesday April 7th.

Upcoming Sporting Events:

AICES Girls Basketball Championships Thursday 26th March,

HZSA Girls Football (soccer) Trials Monday March 30th – collect nomination forms from Mrs Cornick **due** 23rd March

HZSA Boys Football (soccer) Trials Tuesday March 31st – collect nomination forms from Mrs Cornick **due** 23rd March **(date change)**

HZSA 15s Netball Trials Tuesday 31st March – collect nomination forms from Mrs Cornick **due** 24th March

Primary Cross Country – Wednesday 1st April

AICES Swimming Championships – Thursday 2nd April

CSSA Boys Football (soccer) Selections Thursday 2nd April – collect nomination forms from Mrs Cornick **due** 24th March

CSSA Girls Netball Selections Thursday 2nd April - collect nomination forms from Mrs Cornick **due** 24th March

CIS Primary AFL trials – Friday 3rd April

HZSA Primary Cross Country – Monday 6th April

Senior School Cross Country – Tuesday April 7th

CIS Swimming Championships – Evening Session Wednesday 29th April

CIS Swimming & Diving Championships – Day Session Thursday 30th April

SPEECH AND DRAMA NEWS: Carolyn and Anne McKenzie

Australian Speech Communication Assn. (ASCA) Awards Ceremony

A number of Arndell Anglican College students from both the Junior and Senior schools were honored for their excellence in oral communication at the ASCA Awards Ceremony, held at the University of Technology, Kuringai, on Saturday, March 7th.

The Auditorium was filled with teachers, family and friends of the worthy recipients from schools and private teachers across NSW.

Centre Medals were presented to the students who received the highest mark in their ASCA examination in 2008 in the Hawkesbury area. They were **Emma Sammut** (Senior) and **Georgia Thorpe** (Junior).

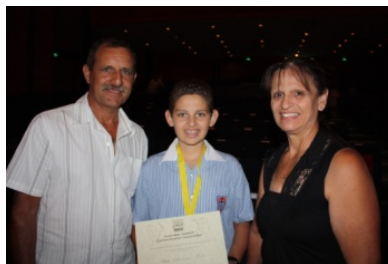
Studio Medals went to those who received the highest mark at Arndell in their ASCA examination. They were **Lauren Blake** (Senior) and **Kate Hogan** and **Cooper Elven** (Junior).

Studio Achievement Medals were also presented to those who showed a great improvement in their public speaking skills. These awards went to **Maegan Hamill** (Junior) and **Adrian Borg** (Senior).

During the afternoon performances of the various grades entertained the audience. Kate Hogan was privileged to be invited to perform a poem titled "Get Out of Bed".

The guest speaker Suzanne Stanton, a corporate lawyer, spoke about the importance and benefits of oral communication skills in today's competitive world.

Congratulations must go to all participants in the ASCA program for their dedication and high level of achievement in public speaking and communication.



CAREERS INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

This year I have picked up the Careers Adviser's position. The Student Careers Room is located in the first room on the right as you enter the Senior Library Centre in H block and is open to everyone in the Senior School. This room contains a great number of resources for students to take and/or borrow to assist them in making choices for their life after school. I add resources to this room every few days from tertiary institutions and industry. We also have DVDs/CDs that students can borrow.

I am also almost always available to assist students with any enquiries that relate to their future study or career choices. I am happy to chat with parents as well, if you require information or advice. I am available from 8:30-4:30pm

Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Fridays and 8:30-3:30pm on Mondays/Thursdays.

All Year 10 students recently took part in a comprehensive, four hour testing Careers Exploration Program, aimed at establishing aptitude and interest for future particular career paths. Each student will receive an individual profile to assist them in their selection of subjects for Year 11 in 2010.

As well, the Student Daily Notices include careers information almost every day about upcoming events, such as Open Days and Seminars. Please feel free to drop in or give me a call at any time if you have any queries.

Mrs Connie Stephens - Head of Library Services/Careers

ATTN: Junior School Musicians

Are you interested in playing in a Band?

The Junior Band will start at the beginning of TERM 2 for all students who play an instrument and would like to play together in a group. This is a great way to make Music together and different to the ensembles involved in the Instrumental Programme.

If you are interested please speak to Mrs. Pinter in the PA Building at lunchtime on Monday or Tuesday.

ARNDELL EQUESTRIAN: Teena Welsh

Arndell Equestrian Team at State Championships

On March 6th to March 8th Arndell Equestrian team members competed at the 2009 EFA NSW Interschool Championships. Well done to all riders who participated in this event that had students from all over the state competing. In particular to the following students who gained placings.

Eventing (includes dressage, showjumping and cross country)

Taylor Robertson year 8

5th in Intro B

Tara Rogers year 11

2nd in Pre Novice

Danielle Knox year 9

11th in Prelim A

Showjumping

Tara Rogers year 11

2nd 1.1m Equitation

6th 1.1m AM7

6th 1.1m A2

Showman (includes dressage, ridden workout, showjumping and led workout)

Moneshe Welsh year 5

5th in 45cm

Vaulting (gymnastics on horseback)

Duncan Campbell

1st individual freestyle

Chelsea Light year 8

2nd individual freestyle

2nd Pas de deux

1st Team comp freestyle

Nicole Stapleton year 11

1st Team comp freestyle



From the P&F News: Neile Thompson, President



I'm back!

Not sure how to explain the urge to pick up the mantle again except to say that I believe in Arndell College as much now as I did back in 1997 when I took over from Geoff Page and my boy was in kindergarten with another 12 years ahead of him ...

Dom is now in year 12 with barely six months left and our daughter Eden is year 10 with only 2 ½ years to go ... and here I am taking on President of the P&F for the third time ... maybe it's third time lucky!!

I'm not the only one though, the ladies of the Committee aren't all new recruits – Donna Pellew (Past President), Justine McAlpine (Vice President), Lesley McGuire, Eleni Solomou & Tina Andersen all go back years to my first or second committee, so they too think it's worthwhile investing their time and energy into their children's school ... and Lisa Barnes (Secretary), Jenny Roberts and Jennifer Carter are back for a return season too ... not to mention Bob & Helen Gribbin with the Equestrians and Sharon Fitzgerald and Prue Stever and the dedicated team running the Fun Day – coming up in May don't forget!! "New Blood" on the committee is represented by Ross Marshall taking over as Treasurer from long term stalwart Kalita van Ewyck.

So why not join in?! - If you've got any ideas, suggestions or complaints and concerns don't waste them in the carpark, let the Committee know – you can call me on 0414 845 488 or email me on neile@richmondvet.com.au ... or catch us at the next P&F meeting, coming soon.

This year is all about building and re-building the community – so talk to us! Talk to your teachers or the Headmaster directly or we'll talk to them for you ... that's what we're here for.

We'll raise some money and help the school buy some good stuff for our kids too – but mostly we want to encourage communication and the Arndell College community ...

Times are tough, but they can be less tough if we share ...

Arndell Anglican College



Family Fun Day (Fete)

Saturday, May 30



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT LIKES TO KNIT

We are looking for people who can knit scarfs or make homemade jams that we can sell at our school fete, if this is something that you would be interested in please let us know.

funday@arndell.nsw.edu.au

Sharon Fitzgerald 044 849 3559

Family Fun Day May 30th 12-5pm

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

SPONSOR THE RESTORATION OF THE HANDBELLS:

Mrs. Michaela Miles Head of Performing Arts

Arndell Anglican College is the THIRD custodian of the set of English Handbells that were first purchased by Samuel Sherwood in 1906. Mr. Sherwood left the bells to Rev. Seton Arndell who was able to delight many people from the Hawkesbury with the sounds of the bells for many years. Rev. Arndell also took the bells to Papua New Guinea where he worked as a missionary.

In 2003, Rev. Arndell gave the bells to the College so we could continue using them in the Service of God. The Handbell Ensemble has played for many College events and also at many Hawkesbury venues in the last 5 years. The Ensemble has also competed in the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod and been awarded several prizes.

The Handbell Ensemble performed in Cathedrals at Port Arthur and Hobart in the 2005 tour to Tasmania and recently performed in Bath Abbey, All Saints Church in Stratford-upon-Avon and in Peterborough Cathedral in the UK.

During the 2008 Tour to the UK, we visited the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and took the opportunity to leave our bells to be assessed for restoration. The restoration will include tuning bells to Concert Pitch so they can be played with other instruments.

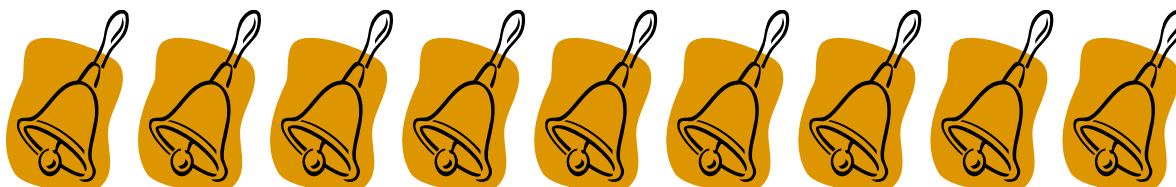
A number of fundraising events have been planned to assist with financing the restoration. We would like to offer the chance to SPONSOR A BELL to start the fundraising. Sponsors will be recognised with a bell being named in their honour and a plaque detailing their 'named bell' will be placed in the foyer of the Performing Arts Building.

Sponsorship is open to individuals, families, or several families may wish to join together to sponsor a bell.

The sponsorship of each bell is \$400. You may choose to sponsor the complete restoration of a bell or a portion.

For more information on sponsoring a bell please contact Mrs. Miles at the College or complete the attached form and return with your payment to Admin.

We look forward to bringing you lots of great Handbell Music soon.



To the College Administration Office:

YES! I/ We would like to sponsor a HANDBELL.

Name/s: _____ (please print)

Address: _____

Contact No: _____

Name/s on plaque: _____
(please print)

Contact email: _____
(please print)

VALUE: ___ \$20 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$200 ___ \$400
 ___ Other amount _____

