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The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

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Dates for the Diary:


Monday April 6 to April 8
Year 5 Camp to Hill End

Monday April 6
HZSA Primary Cross Country – Redfield College
Easter Service – 7.30pm College Auditorium

Tuesday April 7
Snr. School Cross Country – Cattai National Park
Careers – Healthwise Excursion – Hawkesbury Hospital

Wednesday April 8
Easter Service for Students

Wednesday April 8
Term 1 Ends



Tuesday April 28
Term 2 Commences

Wednesday April 29
CIS (Secondary) Swimming Carnival

Thursday April 30
College ANZAC Day Service
Primary School Cross Country
CIS (Secondary) Swimming & Diving Carnival
Jnr. School Public Speaking Competition
Assessment Tasks Due:
Yr 10 PASS

Friday May 1
Snr School/Jnr. School Chapel

Monday May 4
P & F Meeting 9am – Staff C'room
Yr. 11 First Aid Incursion

Tuesday May 5
Yr. 11 First Aid Incursion

From The Acting Headmaster: *Mr. James Webb*



Final Advocate of the term

I am often accused of writing the way I speak, after all I am an Australian Irishman, what do you expect? I am not sure if my accusers are suggesting that this is a bad thing or a good thing. So ever the optimist I take it that they like it!!!

What a term this has been! We touched down with the tarmac slippery underfoot and seem to have steered a reasonable course towards the Easter break.

I am heartened by the positive comments which started the term in relation to the letter sent out during the Christmas break – so look out for the next instalment winging its way to your letterbox.

The Parents and Friends Association AGM duly elected Neile Thompson as President but in doing so acknowledged the tremendous job done by Donna Pellew, the outgoing President and the committee. I am so grateful to the various candidates who stood for office but more importantly I am so grateful that in defeat they elected to be a part of the committee. Our children can learn so much from this approach to the College and the community spirit fostered.

Term 1 saw our Pre Kindergarten class kick off with Mrs.. Davis at the helm and it is wonderful to see how far they have come in such a short time

It certainly has been a term of contrasts – the involvement of so many students, parents and staff in the life of the College but at the same time the downside of some irresponsible behaviour of a few students and their idea of art. Feedback is most important and my use of the Manly Daily and its article on graffiti took a bit of a battering. In retrospect something closer to home may have hit the target in a much more poignant way.

The students concerned were duly suspended and as a result of this and other issues two students have subsequently left the College.

As a community we have a responsibility for the wellbeing of all and it is important to take to task those who persistently rock the boat. However the responsibility for discipline does lie with parents and I do expect parents to support actions taken, no matter how unpalatable they may be at times.

I would like to thank all who have made this term possible – it has been particularly difficult and in your prayers please remember Dr. Goddard's wife Glenys – pray for them both and for another of our staff members Mrs. Rankin as she also battles with illness.

I thank the students for their contribution to the life of the College, the parents for kind words and support and the staff for their work and commitment towards the students and the College.

However a special vote of thanks to Rick Harrison, Head of Junior School, for his support throughout the term. A special vote of thanks to Lynn Gillen – Head of Senior School – there is not enough space for a man born in Dublin to thank this person enough.

A special vote of thanks to the office staff - without these hard working people the place would not operate too well. Lastly, special thanks to Barbra Whelan my personal assistant who has kept me on track, told me off for not returning calls and just been there whenever I have needed her advice.

As a rock climber I have often likened this term to a steep climb with an overhang at the top, holds just out of reach for a small person (only Mrs. Webb would understand that) but with the support and encouragement of those around me I have managed to grasp onto those holds and continue to move on up the climb. I can't quite see the top and I am not sure what waits beyond the edge but it is all good.

One staff member that I would like to thank is in fact leaving us to be with her husband in Taree. Mrs. Rebecca Huett – visual arts teacher has been with us for 9 years. Her enthusiasm, drive, and commitment to the students has been an inspiration. Mrs. Huett really put the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme on the map at Arndell and our first Gold Expedition students have set foot on Tasmania's shores. However it does not stop there. What about the Arndibald's? – the Archibald Prize has nothing on ours. Perhaps we remember Mrs. Huett in a Gold wig at the Macquarie carnivals as Head of House leading the way. Mrs. Huett will be missed and we wish her well for the future. She will be never out of our memory!

Drawing, as we are this week, towards Easter I am struck, once again, by the gearing up for the holiday rather than the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, remembering that Jesus died so that we might be able to enter into a relationship with Him. Have a wonderful break and remember to go along to a church this Easter, you will be made welcome and you will hear amazing things done for you.

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



On Tuesday of this week I accompanied our student leaders on a visit to Roseville College where they met with their fellow leaders from other SASC schools. After some "getting to know you" activities, each group gave a presentation about their school and their roles as student leaders. As usual, our student leaders were great ambassadors for the College.

The note that Mrs Cornick sent home the day before the 3-6 Cross-Country Carnival optimistically suggested that the carnival would go ahead in rain. Unfortunately Mrs Cornick was unable to predict the amount of water that would fall overnight – making a swimming carnival more appropriate than a cross-country one. The reserve date is Thursday, 30th April (in the first week of Term 2). We look forward to better weather on that date.

Most parents would be aware of the UNSW ICAS Assessments in Science, Maths and English that all students in all classes from 3 to 6 have been involved in for a number of years. This year we will be making a change – the Maths and English assessments will now be optional. However, since there is no external testing like NAPLAN available for Science, we will continue to have all 3-6 students involved in the UNSW Science assessment. A note will be sent out at a later date to give parents the opportunity to have their children continue with the English and Maths assessments if they so desire.

The following students received Citizenship Awards during our last Awards Assembly:

KR: Tom Fitzgerald, Olivia Barker;	K/1B: Blake Cunningham, Jordan Carter;
1R: Andrea Hollis, Nicholas Racki;	
2B: Emelia Evans, Alex Sullivan;	2R: Sophie McAlpine, Mitchell Coates;
3B: Fiona Campbell, Finn Miller-Argue;	3R: Tully Lynch, Emily Mitchell;
4B: Blake Monds, Lachlan Piper;	4R: Emily Jowsey, Brooke Watkins;
5B: Melissa Herder, Tyler Young;	5R: Oliver Salm, Patrick Bolder;
6B: Sally Stever, Zac Woodley;	6R: Rosie Moore, Carson Mills.

Congratulations to all. The next Awards Assembly will be this Friday starting at 1:30pm. Year 5 will be performing. All parents are welcome to attend and should sit in the upstairs area of the auditorium.

Don't forget that 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:

- Easter Service: Monday, 6th April
- Year 5 Camp: Monday, 6th April – Wednesday, 8th April
- Last Day of Term 1 for students: Wednesday, 8th April
- First Day of Term 2: Tuesday, 28th April
- 3-6 Cross-Country Carnival: Thursday, 30th April

This being the last newsletter for the term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the members of the Arndell community who have helped in the Junior School during Term One.

Enjoy your weekend,

From the Head of the Senior School: Mrs Lynn Gillen



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff of the school for the terrific amount of work that they have put in over this first term of 2009. So many great things have happened – from the Swimming Carnival, Gala Days, a Greek Festival, Showcase Night, performances at Assembly to the everyday teaching of material in the classroom – it has been a very busy and productive term. All staff have contributed to keeping our students happy and on task, and I hope, enjoying their time at school. The teaching staff, Administration and Grounds staff keep the school running, and do an amazing amount of work. Thank you all very much.

And... there are still more great things to come next week. We would like to invite everyone to come to the Easter Service on Monday evening, 7.00 pm in the Auditorium. The Cross Country for the Senior School on

Tuesday is planned to be a great day out, and hopefully will be able to go ahead if the rain eases soon. The Easter service for the students is on Wednesday, and at this time we will praise and thank God for sending Jesus into the world to be the sacrifice for us so that we may live forever in harmony with God.

With the end of the term fast approaching, I would like to wish all students and their families a very happy holiday. Please students, have a good break, and a safe one, and return next Term ready to face another high-powered term of learning and enjoyment.

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 pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au
Uniform Shop:	Mrs Liz Moore 4572 3254 Tuesday/Thursday
Canteens:	8.30-10.30am/2.30-4.pm Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch)
Arndell Community Church:	Pastor Greg Peisley 4572 3633/0402 278 483 Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday

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

Mon. 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

Celebrate Easter



Brainteaser

Number 33

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.

At a recent visit to the reptile house at the local zoo, I counted a total of 27 heads and 70 feet. I was counting snakes, lizards, and people. I know that there were exactly twice as many lizards as people. How many snakes did I count?

Answer to brainteaser 32:

The number is 39.



Arndell Sports Desk

CIS Primary Swimming Championships: Congratulations to the following students who competed in an exceedingly tough competition on Friday 27th March: Chloe Patterson in the 9yrs 50m Freestyle overall placing 19th. The 8-10yrs Girls Freestyle relay team: Chloe Patterson, Georgia Rose Thorpe, Lilly Anne Keating and Loren Carter finishing 6th in their heat but taking 2 seconds off their previous time. A tremendous effort from all the girls. A special mention has to go to Loren for showing such tremendous spirit when she was withdrawn by CSSA from the Junior girls 50m backstroke due to an administration error. Thank you to the parents who have supported their daughters and the College through this term's swimming events.

AICES Championships at Homebush on Wednesday 2nd April. the following students will be competing: Hayden Collins, Dieter Hoffman, Kimberlee Currell, Isabella Love, Hamish Davies, Jackson Davies and Ian McKelvey. Unfortunately the 17 boys relay team will not be swimming as the boys have a HZSA Volleyball final to play that afternoon.

RUGBY UNION/RUGBY LEAGUE: A HUGE thank you to Mr Jason McErlane and Mr Chris Wilson who have volunteered to coach the boys Rugby Union and Rugby League teams respectively. Your commitment to the students is greatly appreciated.

Primary CIS Sport Trials: Conner Moore will be attending the Boys AFL trials in Canberra on Friday April 3rd.

CIS Volleyball Trials: Hayden Collins and Ian McKelvey Trial for a place in the CIS team on Friday April 3rd.

HZSA Sports Trials: Students are reminded that the information in the daily notices regarding HZSA trials is the most up to date. Please make sure if you want to attend trials for a specific sport that you collect and nomination form from Mrs Cornick prior to the nomination date posted on the Sports notice board. It is a shame that Arndell does not seem to have any Football (soccer) players worthy of trying out for the HZSA team when we have such a multitude of students playing representative football on the weekends.

HZSA Term 2/3 Sport:

Sign on list will be up in the Gym from Monday 6th April for the following sports:

Netball, Girls 6 a side Hockey, Rugby Union, Rugby League, Boys & Girls Football(soccer), Junior Boys AFL, Intermediate Tennis.

All commitment forms for these team sports will need to be returned by Wednesday of week 11.

Upcoming Sporting Events:

- **HZSA 15s Netball Trials** Tuesday 31st March – collect nomination forms from Mrs Cornick **due** 24th March
- **Primary Cross Country** – Wednesday 1st April at the College
- **AICES Swimming Championships** – Thursday 2nd April - Homebush
- **CSSA Boys Football (soccer) Selections** Thursday 2nd April – Mamre College
- **CSSA Girls Netball Selections** Thursday 2nd April - Mamre College
- **CIS Primary AFL trials** – Friday 3rd April- ACT
- **HZSA Primary Cross Country** – Monday 6th April at Redfield College Dural
- **Senior School Cross Country** – Tuesday April 7th at Cattai Park
- **CIS Swimming Championships** – Evening Session Wednesday 29th April - Homebush
- **CIS Swimming & Diving Championships** – Day Session Thursday 30th April- Homebush

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 UPDATE

Congratulations to Emmie-Rose Shore in year 8 who represented Arndell at the Pymble Ladies College Dressage Day at St Ives Showground last weekend. She competed in two Championship tests to attain a first in the 1.3 and second placing in the 1.4 and Champion overall in her age group. Well done Emmie-Rose!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 3rd May Frensham-Gib Gate Equestrian Day
Bong Bong Picnic Race Club, East Bowral
Entries close Friday 3rd April

Saturday 9th May Galston High School Showjumping Competition (Secondary students only)
Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon
Entries close Friday 1st May

Saturday 16th May St Paul's Grammar School Interschool Gymkhana
Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon
Entries Close Friday 1st May

Arndell Equestrian Carnival

Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon
Tentatively September

Details to follow, we are working on getting the grounds booked

You can email me if you require the above program and entry forms to teenbean1@westnet.com.au and I will forward them to you or there are hard copies in the front office for you to look at and copy if you do not have email access.

Happy Riding

From the P&F News: Neile Thompson, President

Email – pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au

Phone – Neile 0414 845 488



This year the P&F Association will be focusing our fundraising efforts on our major annual events – The Family Fun Day, Golf Day (the mostly blokes fun day) and Equestrian Carnival (horsey fun day!) ... all of which everyone is invited to attend, organise or donate – any goods & services gratefully accepted ... money is ok too!

We are not planning to run any minor fund raisers through the year as these often conflict with groups and causes within the school that are also competing for that elusive \$2 or \$5 or \$10 lurking at the bottom of our bag / pocket / wallet or lounge chair I also find the bottom of the washing machine a good source supplementary income....

We might also, possibly, organise the ever popular Trivia Night later in the year. I have a group of year 12s interested in challenging our parents and staff ... could make for an interesting evening?! However we need at least 100 people for a successful (and somewhat rowdy) night so if you're interested let me know and we'll see what we can do.

We will also be giving our full support to all the functions that our staff and students put on throughout the year – Junior & Senior Schools – the assemblies and services, showcases, drama/dance/music performances, sporting and science events etc, etc, etc ... as I hope all families will be doing.

First up is next Monday night's Easter Service – make the effort to come along, you'll enjoy it. Christian, atheist or agnostic ... we're all getting a holiday because of the death and resurrection of Jesus ... it can't hurt to understand it better and be able to discuss it with our children. It's a wonderful night for the College community ... I hope to see you there.

Points to ponder

Part of the P&F's role with the College community is to assist and encourage communication between the parent body and the school management. Even though our staff and particularly our Headmaster (acting or not) are very approachable and very interested hearing what we parents have to say, many people aren't comfortable saying it directly ... that's where the P&F can help ... instead of the car park ... contact me – pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au or 0414 845 488 – and we'll pass it on for you. Ideas, suggestions, complaints or queries we will follow through with Mr Webb or Mr Lambert for an answer or for the matter to be looked at, or we can find out who else would be best able to help you.

I'll be using this column and our General P&F Meetings to pass on what we learn from these enquiries – like this week's 'quandary'

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A common issue raised during discussions I've had with other parents is that parents of Jnr. School students didn't realise that the invitation extended in the newsletter, the newsflash, the notice board and notes to attend the recent Snr School "Student Showcase" evening was for ALL parents and students – high school and primary school – which is a great pity because evenings such as this are put on to show off what our students are producing for their School Certificates and Higher School Certificates in music, drama, art, textiles, VET, woodwork, graphic design, IT and any other subjects I've forgotten ... there was so much to see! And, what our younger students (and parents) have to look forward to.

So ... this misunderstanding will be worked out but in the meantime please remember ... if the notice says ALL WELCOME ... that means you ... and you ... and you ... it's our school – be part of it!

P & F Meeting
Monday 4th May – 9am Staff
Commonroom
Tuesday 12th May – 7.30pm Snr.
Library

UPCOMING CAREERS EXPO WEEKEND, MAY 15-17.

The following information pertains to an informative and useful weekend expo that is aimed at assisting HSC students to get the most out of their exams and informing them about their post school options. The Expo offers a comprehensive array of seminars to assist students in their selected HSC subjects as well. Further information on the program of seminars can be found on the Student Careers Noticeboard in the SLC or online at hscandcareers.com.au

All 12 students will be attending the Nepean Careers Market on July 2 as well, which has similar aims but is not as comprehensive.
Mrs Connie Stephens - Head of Library/Careers



**THE SYDNEY
MORNING HERALD
HSC AND
CAREERS
EXPO 2009**

Friday 15, Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 May
10am - 5pm
The Pavilion at Randwick Racecourse, Sydney
www.hscandcareers.com.au

The Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo is just over 6 weeks away!

The inaugural Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo features over 100 [exhibitors](#), including Australia's major universities, with HSC resources, tertiary course and career information. The Expo will also feature a [seminar](#) program with over 70 presentations on HSC subjects, course, career and study advice.

Admission of \$10.00 is valid for all 3 days of The Expo, includes seminars and a copy of The Sydney Morning Herald. **A discounted admission of \$5.00 per student (also valid for 3 days) for school groups of 5 or more is available on Friday 15 May.** Attached is the school group booking form which needs to be faxed to us by Monday 4 May.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us on 1300 190 290.

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.

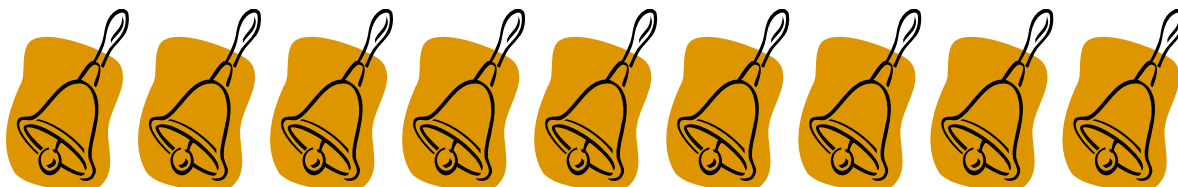
A number of fundraising events have been planned to assist with financing the restoration. We would like to offer the chance to SPONSOR A BELL to start the fundraising. Sponsors will be recognised with a bell being named in their honour and a plaque detailing their 'named bell' will be placed in the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

