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# THE ARNDELL ADVOCATE

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The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

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## "Budding Anthropologists"



## From The Acting Headmaster: Mr. James Webb



My section of the Advocate is, this week, a mixture of encouragement, frustration and concern.

I have been so **encouraged** by the involvement of the community in so many activities during the first half of the year. The Family Fun and Open day demonstrated strength of feeling that has been lacking of late. The comment from one family was 'The atmosphere is excellent and there are so many happy faces – we need to build upon this'. My thanks to all who contributed, the organizers, parents, staff and students alike, in making this an outstanding success.

My **frustration** is the ongoing issue with uniform in both the Junior and Senior School. Time and time again we check students about their uniform, which is what our customers, you the parents, want. However we find that when parents either drop their child (ren) off at the College or collect them there are a number who simply allow their child (ren) to dress as they please. This does not help our image and certainly does little to raise the standards in the College. So my plea is that you demand of your children better standards and a greater sense of pride in both uniform and appearance.

The **concern** aspect has been brought about through some very inappropriate graffiti that found its way onto the premises on Friday night. It would appear that those responsible tagged the local scout hall then made their way to the College and tagged various rooms on their way through. There were two aspects to this, firstly those responsible targeted particular staff members with the most abusive language and secondly, placed most inappropriate language in full view of the canteen ladies. So instead of rehearsing for the musical on Saturday my job was to repaint the doors and clean the windows. It is possible that our students were responsible for this vandalism or perhaps a combination of our students and others from outside the College. Either way it is most disappointing. The question I ask of you is 'do you know the whereabouts of your children on Friday evening, after 8.30pm'?

The Tag (pictured) accompanied the obscenities do you recognize this? If so please help us out. The matter is now in police hands and they will compare the tag with others in their Data Base.



However, after all is said and done there are so many fun things happening around the place and I will not be deterred by a group of mindless individuals who see reward in the destruction of both name and property. Can you help??

**Results** of the Survey, Focus Groups and Demographics will be published soon and then we will bring the community – the stakeholders together to plan for the future.

**Don't forget** – 42<sup>nd</sup> Street is on soon and you need to buy your tickets.

**Don't forget** what an awesome job the P&F do for the College – can you help?

**Don't forget that Jesus is a part of this place and that through him we will win out in the end.**

## *From the Head of the Junior School:*

*Mr. Rick Harrison*

Last Saturday's Family Fun Day was, despite the inclement weather, a great success. The addition of the Open Day component meant that parents and prospective parents were able to have a look inside the classrooms and to chat with teachers as well as watch some video presentations. Thank you to all those involved in the organisation and running of the day and to the teachers who made themselves available.

Next Wednesday the Junior School will be holding our annual Parent's Day. All parents should have received an invitation to this event. Parents should arrive at the College at 11:45am and make their way to their child's classroom where they can join in the activities. During lunchtime a limited number of pies, sausage rolls and sandwiches will be available from the Junior School canteen for parents to purchase. Parents may also order their lunches by sending in an order with their child in the morning. The day will conclude at approximately 2:30pm. Children may leave with parents at this time if desired.

As a part of "Connect '09", (an outreach programme initiated by the Anglican Church), every student in the Junior School will receive a copy of the DVD "The Good News Parcel Company" which features the well known musician, Colin Buchanan.

After the terrific success of our Monday/Wednesday/ Friday Prep class, the College is considering commencing a Tuesday/Thursday group as well. If any College parents or anyone that you know would like their child to be a part of the proposed group, please contact the Registrar, Mrs Carol Wilson, at the front office or by telephone as soon as possible.

Events coming up include:

- Public Holiday: 8<sup>th</sup> June
- UNSW (ICAS) Science Assessment (3-6): 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Parents' Day: 10<sup>th</sup> June
- HZSA Yr5 Soccer: 17<sup>th</sup> June
- CSSA Girls Soccer: 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Enjoy your weekend.



## *From the College Chaplain:*

*Rev. Graeme Sedorenko*

**Come Meet and hear  
from Andrew Fisher  
and the Jesus Ute Racing Team**



**WHERE:** Arndell  
**WHEN:** June 14  
**TIME:** 1.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
Hi Everyone!

Looks to be a good day for Men to come meet Andrew and the racing car team. Hear about his life and the challenging circumstance he has faced and lived through.

Food available.

Display Cars and Bikes on show – and anything with a BIG motor.

CYA there



## 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 Teena Welsh 0425 254 412 <a href="mailto:teenbean1@westnet.com.au">teenbean1@westnet.com.au</a> Mrs Laura Thorpe 0416 212 260 <a href="mailto:prestigeinteriors@exemail.com.au">prestigeinteriors@exemail.com.au</a>
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Uniform Shop:	Tuesday/Thursday 8.30-10.30am/2.30-4.pm
Canteens:	Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch) Pastor Greg Peisley 4572 3633/0402 278 483
Arndell Community Church:	Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday

## IMPORTANT TERM DATES-2009

### 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 Camps– 2009

Year 10 Camp – Waterslea (Nowra)

Monday 23 Nov to Wed 25 Nov



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

## Important Dates

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>  
June 7pm

College Musical  
(Tickets available from Admin)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – 7.30pm

Yr 10 students into Yr 11 2010  
Information Evening  
(an invitation has been sent to all  
Yr 10 families and students)

## From the College Canteen:

### Re: Parents Day

An assortment of sandwiches, pies and sausage rolls will be available for purchase at the Junior School Canteen only and as this is a special day sweets and drinks will be available for sale. Please note that the Senior School Canteen will be **out of bounds** for all junior school students.

## Uniform Shop News

- Red, White and Blue striped school "sports team" socks are now available from the uniform shop. New "Thinskins" are \$11.00 and are to be worn if you play in any of the following school sports teams:-
  - SENIOR BOYS SOCCER/FOOTBALL
  - SENIOR BOYS RUGBY
  - YR 3/4 SOCCER
  - YR 5/6 SOCCER
  - PRIMARY GIRLS SOCCER
- The uniform shop will be closed on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June between 2:30 and 4:00pm., but will be open as normal in the morning.

### Brainteaser

### Number 36

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.

Figure out the pattern in the first three examples and use it to figure out the last.

1, 2, 3 (s)  
4, 5, 6 (f)  
7, 7, 1 (f)  
3, 9, 7 (?)

### Answer to brainteaser 35:

160 books.



**Congratulations** to Rachel Villhaeur from Year 5 who was awarded the Junior Sportsperson of 2009 from the Pitt Town Districts Sports Club. Rachel plays netball for Pitt Town Oakville Netball Club and was nominated by them for this award. Many of Rachel's school based sporting achievements including swimming, netball, soccer, cross country, helped her to be nominated as well as her being in the 11 year Development Squad for Hawkesbury City Netball Association. **Well Done!**

## *Knit for Niger' .... The perfect winter activity!!*

Johnson house is aiming to provide at least one knitted patchwork blanket to send to a hospital in Niger – north-east Africa.

The blanket will be given to a woman recovering from fistula surgery. Fistulas are injuries suffered by women – often young women – during childbirth. The injuries are often so severe that the women are usually banished from their homes and villages and left without social, physical and financial support.



With a surgical procedure and rehabilitation they are usually able to return to their homes and families to resume normal life.

Johnson house is looking to raise funds to assist with the support of women who aren't able to return home but also to provide a colourful blanket as a reminder that people on another continent know of their problems and care enough to help.

Please help us to help them by supporting our fundraising. If you are able to knit – or persuade a friend or family member to knit, please use the following dimensions to knit colourful squares. When finished, send them in to school so that when we have sufficient we can sew them together and send the blanket/s to Niger.

Please use 8 ply wool to knit squares 25 x 25 cm (10 x 10 inches). Donations of balls of 8 ply wool would also be appreciated.

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



### **Arndell Sports Desk**

**HZSA Open Netball.** Congratulations to Isabella Garland who was selected into the HZSA Open Netball team to compete at the AICES championships on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**NETSETGO Primary Netball Program:** Due to the extensive number of girls who have signed up, the program has had to be rescheduled to commence the first week in Term 3. The first session will be July 30<sup>th</sup> and run for 5 weeks. Mrs Chan & Mrs Hogan will be the will run netball training for the remainder of this term on Thursday afternoons from 3.15 – 4.00pm. Girls who signed up for the NETSETGO program are encouraged to attend the training sessions.

**CIS Cross Country:** Full Results can be found on the CIS website. Congratulations to CJ Thomas (6km- 21.44.54) Alex Celio (4km- 14.45.47), Danielle Clay (4kms-17.31), Annabelle Andrews (4kms-18.22.03) and Raquel Abrahams (4kms-17.00.88) who competed in extremely muddy conditions!

**Primary Netball/Soccer CSSA Metro Cup:** Preparation, trials and training has begun for girls Netball and Boys Soccer. Students have been asked to bring joggers to their Trial/training days. **Girls Netball:** Wednesday morning changing to Thursday afternoon. **Boys Soccer** trials yrs3&4: Wednesday lunchtime and Yrs 5& 6: Thursday Lunchtime.

#### **Up Coming Dates:**

**Yr 5 HZSA Football (soccer) Gala Day – 17<sup>th</sup> June**

**CSSA Girls Football (Soccer) – 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Jet Black All Schools Mountain Bike Championships 21<sup>st</sup> June:** Entries close **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Senior School Athletics Carnival 30<sup>th</sup> June - Blacktown Athletics Centre**

**Primary School Athletics Carnival – July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Blacktown Athletics Centre.**

**Parents are respectfully reminded of the need to return any acknowledgement form or permission slip by the due date so that organisation for the event can proceed efficiently.**



Information regarding both Primary & Secondary Representative Sport for Term 2 has been posted on the Primary & Secondary Sports Notice Boards. **The Arndell Sports Webpage** has been updated. All Sport information, dates, draws, venues, carnivals, trials can now be accessed on the webs

## From the P&F News: Neile Thompson, President

Email – [pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au](mailto:pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au) Phone – Neile 0414 845 488

There is a whole lot of very well deserved 'back patting' going on around Arndell at the moment ... because we had a Fabulous Fun Day and Open Day on Saturday!

I'm sure most of you know that though because there were so many of you there, it was great to see and a pleasure to be a part of it all. There was such a good community feel to the day as the whole school – parents, staff and students – came together to work and play. The weather was cool without being too cold and the rain didn't dampen spirits too much at all ... a few stalls maybe, and definitely a few kids on the rides who kept going round and round and round come rain, hail or shine!



Many, many thanks and congratulations must go to the Fun Day Ladies & Gentlemen who organised and co-ordinated the day - a truly super job. Organising a fete is always a big job and potentially a logistics nightmare but the Fun Day team were so positive and enthusiastic and organised that it all happened pretty much the way it was supposed to.

I must say a particular thank you to Sharon Fitzgerald who took over this year as the head of the committee – she was calm and organised throughout and full of encouragement for everyone on the committee – thank you and well done ... same time next year?!

Thanks also to all the staff and students who came along to help and be part of the day – you were all wonderful ambassadors and advertisements for our College and an enormous help.

### Many thanks also to our Generous Sponsors

[River Music" Windsor](#), [Hills Retreat Oakville](#), [McGraths Hill Florist,"Creative Memories"](#),  
[Kls Cut Above Hairdresser McGraths Hill](#),  
[Dymocks Penrith](#), [Clark Rubber Blacktown](#), [Sandstone Sales Glenorie](#), [Bunnings Warehouse McGraths Hill](#)  
[Sunarise Nursery Dural](#), [Obsession Hair Studio Richmond](#)  
[Oakville Bushfire Brigade & St John's Ambulance](#)



# Reminder

Arndell Anglican College  
*-in association with-*  
Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc  
*presents*



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – 7pm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – 7pm

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June – 1pm & 7pm

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Get your tickets now from the College Admin Office.

Thursday/Friday & Saturday Evening Adults \$15.00 Students \$8.00	Saturday Matinee only Adults \$15.00 Students \$8.00 Seniors \$10.00
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*'Forty Second Street' Based on the novel 'Forty-Second Street' by BRADFORD ROPES Music by HARRY WARREN Lyrics by AL DUBIN Book by MICHAEL STEWART and MARK BRAMBLE Originally directed and choreographed by GOWER CHAMPION.*

## ***SPONSOR THE RESTORATION OF THE HANDBELLS:***

*Mrs. Michaela Miles Head of Performing Arts*

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/s on plaque: \_\_\_\_\_

(please print)

VALUE: \$20 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$400 \_\_\_\_ Other amount \_\_\_\_\_